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Investigators say killer left several notes, try to burn IDs

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Investigators recovered several notes that indicated that the gunman planned Friday's shooting rampage that left five people dead, including the suspect, and eight others wounded.

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Therize Millare, 7, joins hundreds of children and adults from all walks of life at the candlelight vigil last night at the American Memorial Park in Garapan to promote peace and to offer prayers for the victims of the Nov. 20 shootings that claimed the lives of five, including the suspect who turned the gun on himself after wounding eight others. Some 500 individuals in white shirts and holding lit candles and flashlights listened to prayers, hymns and inspirational messages by community members at the one-hour event. Friday's shooting rampage is the worst of its kind in CNMI history. Inset, Zhong Ren Li shows off rifles in this undated photo.

Birthday celebration turns into bloodbath

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It was supposedly Dolores Naputi's fourth birthday party at their residence in Kannat Tabla Friday, but it quickly turned into tragedy.

Dolores survived with a gunshot wound to the left chest. She is now in stable condition and started talking after being released from the Com-

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos of the Covenant Party, left, will be facing off with Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider and House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios of the Republican Party in today's first CNMI gubernatorial runoff election. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

CNMI holds first runoff election

Fitial faces off with Heinz

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Today marks the first time in CNMI history that a gubernatorial runoff election will be held, while the community is still mourning the victims of Friday's shooting rampage that killed five individuals including the suspect who turned the gun on himself and wounded eight others, seven of them Korean tourists.

Polls are open from 7am to 7pm, the Commonwealth Election Commission said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial of the Covenant Party will be facing off

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IN AFTERMATH OF SHOOTING RAMPAGE

School campuses locked, other events cancelled

School campuses on Saipan were ordered locked Friday while all events were cancelled in reaction to the shooting rampage that resulted in five deaths and eight injuries.

Public School System Commissioner of Education Dr. Rita A. Sablan immediately issued a memorandum to school principals directing administrators and personnel to take precautionary measures after the incident.

She revealed that after receiving calls from concerned parents and community members, she immediately verified the reports with the Department of Public Safety which confirmed the situation.

In a normal emergency procedure, school administrators must be directly informed by the central office so they could take extra precautionary measures.

The commissioner admitted that some schools got their information from community members, which were verified by the central office.

However, Sablan informed the DPS that students will be released on their scheduled time between 2:30pm and 3pm.

Security police escorts assisted many schools in releasing the students. Some parents personally picked up their kids to ensure their security.

While campuses are locked, students were instructed to duck under their tables, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The commissioner said PSS is ready to attend to such emergency situations because security staff and personnel are required to complete a series of emergency training.

Sablan also ordered the cancellation of events in four schools where parents and teachers conference are being conducted.

These included Kagman Elementary, Gregorio T. Camacho, Oleai Elementary, and San Antonio Elementary School. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

DPS to deploy again 40 cops for today's runoff election

The Department of Public Safety will deploy the same number of police officers assigned in the Nov. 7 general election in today's runoff election.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong told *Saipan Tribune* that 40 more police officers will be deployed in addition to the regular assigned patrol and traffic officers scheduled for regular duty to maintain peace and order.

Tarkong said some officers may likely be sent to Tinian and Rota too.

Capt. Lawrence Camacho will be again the overall commander in charge of the operations.

Tarkong urged anew the public to observe the Board of Election's rules and regulations, which will be enforced today.

Tarkong asked the public to comply with police officers, election officials, and poll workers.

"Drive safely when approaching the polling stations/booths. Observe all traffic laws when driving and crossing roadways. Drivers be alert of pedestrians," he said.

The DPS spokesman also reminded the political parties that all campaign activity should be done safely off the roads and within the designated area at a minimum of 300 feet from a polling station.

"We would like to remind establishments that there will be no sales of alcohol during the restricted time," Tarkong added. ***(Ferdie De la Torre)***

Known troublemaker gets 3 days in jail over assault of store customer

The Superior Court has imposed a three-day jail term on a man who while intoxicated assaulted two men for no apparent reason at a store in Garapan last August.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Felipe Lieto Kalen to one year in prison, all suspended except for three days, for one count of assault and battery.

Manglona gave the 50-year-old Kalen credit for the three days he already served in jail.

Kalen will be placed on one year of supervised probation. He is required to pay a $25 court assessment fee and $100 in probation fee.

Manglona prohibited the defendant from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages during the term of his probation.

Manglona ordered Kalen to return to court for a review hearing on Feb. 17, 2010.

"Defendant's failure to appear will result in the issuance of a bench warrant," the judge stressed.

On August 5, 2009, police arrested Kalen for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace, for assaulting two men at QQ Store in Garapan.

Kalen signed a plea agreement. He pleaded guilty to one count of assault and battery.

Police said that the defendant attacked two men in the early morning of Aug. 2, 2009.

One victim suffered minor abrasions on the right elbow and knee when Kalen pushed him.

The intoxicated Kalen approached a customer outside the store and challenged him to a fight. The customer ignored him and walked away.

Kalen approached another man and pushed him on the chest. The person fell to the ground.

When another male customer went inside the store, Kalen approached and pushed his head. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Muna cites CUC accomplishments sans rate hike

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Executive director Tony Muna cited a number of accomplishments the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has instituted even sans a rate increase.

This was in response to Rep. Tina Sablan's comment last week about CUC being ruled by "politics."

Muna, in his e-mail message to Sablan, said the lawmaker's comments were not unexpected since it is election time.

The director said that he stands on his record of what he has done for CUC, its customers, and the public since being appointed last year.

"Having walked in here in May of 2008 and such was the case for those areas in CUC and possibly going back to 1993, did you really expect all of those areas of deficiency to be corrected by 9/30/09 while enveloped in a power generation crisis which was threatening a water and wastewater crisis?" Muna told Sablan in his e-mail, adding that from a standpoint of priorities, resolving the power generation crisis has been priority No. 1 since Day 1 of his directorship.

He mentioned having provided sufficient power even without the $6-million Aggreko deal since last September.

Muna cited that they have also accomplished other things like chlorine shipments sufficiency are secure and payments for the Aggreko lease deal. CUC also paid vendors who were not paid dating back several years and is currently addressing the island's collapsing sewer lines.

This is on top of paying for water pumps and sewer pumps and addressed main waterline collapsed, paid for fuel, and independent power producers.

"All of the above without a government subsidy since July of 2008," Muna said.

On claim of Sablan that CUC lacks the accounting protocols to properly track billings and collections for the water, wastewater, and power divisions, Muna said CUC is billing customers for electric, water, and wastewater separately so those revenues are being tracked. "CUC is also keeping track of expenses separately. Protocols are there to track revenues and expenses," he said.

Muna said CUC's problems date back to years and years of neglect.

"We can use 1993 as an official start date since CUC shortfalls in funding, staffing etc.. are well documented in the Metzler Report—of noncompliance and underachieving. Mind you, CUC is not all to blame. Governors, legislators, and boards have all had a hand in causing CUC's demise. This governor has been trying to turn things around since Day 1 of his administration. I do not share the same sentiment of many of your colleagues," Muna added.

He said he was hired to fix the problem.

"You, unfortunately, despite your best intentions are part of the problem. CUC is doing its best to comply and reversing years of being out of compliance," Muna told Sablan, adding that like CUC, Rome was not built in a day.

Leon Guerrero reelected Youth Congress speaker

HAIDEE EUGENIO

Re-elected speaker of the CNMI 12th Youth Congress Alana May Leon Guerrero, seated center front row, is flanked by Senate President Pete Reyes and House Speaker Arnold Palacios while other newly elected youth senators stand next to them after the inauguration rites Saturday at the House chamber.

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Alana May Leon Guerrero was reelected as speaker the CNMI 12th Youth Congress during the inauguration ceremony Saturday at the House chamber where all 25 elected youth senators were sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan.

Leon Guerrero won by acclamation, along with the newly elected vice speaker Seong Bin Lee, floor leader Sunny Frank Aldan, and legislative secretary Annie Camacho.

This year marked Leon Guerrero's fourth term in the Youth Congress and as an incumbent senator, she affirmed her commitment to continue her work on major issues that the youth community are faced daily. These challenges include drug and alcohol abuses, teen violence, and teen date and rape.

During her tenure as speaker in the 11th Youth Congress, four bills were passed and 17 resolutions were adopted. For the previous Youth Congress leadership, the enactment of the anti-smoking law served as its major accomplishment during the term.

In her message, Leon Guerrero said the knowledge and experience she gained at Youth Congress taught her the value of public service. She asked fellow youth leaders to assist and cooperate so they may able to achieve goals which they have set themselves to accomplish as representatives of their peers.

Leon Guerrero is the daughter of Jose and Alicia DLG. Leon Guerrero.

This is the first time that numbers of youth senators increased pursuant to a new law that reorganized the composition of the Youth Congress. Representatives were based on the population of the schools and districts they represent.

Vice speaker Seong Bin Lee, for his part, said his mission throughout his term as senator is not only to represent the youth and carry their voices out enthusiastically and zealously but also to sacrifice his time, effort, and enthusiasm with integrity and passion to lead the youth.

There are seven members who were reelected into office: Leon Guerrero, Lee, Bianca Blanco, Annie Camacho, Sunny Frank Aldan, Adeleyah Mojica, and Jessamin Santos.

Other new members included Carl John Tabucol, Joseph Donovan Yamada, Raena Cing, Sue Ann Waguk, Jesselyn Rachel Dris, Ashley Michelle Hofschneider, Yong Hwa Choi, RyAnne Veronica Camacho, Antonette Esco Cabrera, Yuri Kimiko Romolor, Kristen Nicole Salas, Victoria Aldan, Blaren Dean Naputi, Amanda Rae Johnson, Masako Maria Atalig, Shelane Borja, Yoshihiro Yagi, and Marisa Untalan.

The occasion saw the attendance of members of the Legislature, community members, and families of the newly elected youth senators.

Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Senate President Pete Reyes, and House Speaker Arnold Palacios led the inaugural rites.

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GUNMAN

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Department of Public Safety spokesman Jason Tarkong said yesterday that detectives from the DPS Criminal Investigation Division found several notes left by the suspect, Zhong Ren Li.

Tarkong said the 42-year-old Li was the alleged caretaker of the shooting range, which has been closed for operation early this year.

Li stayed in the shooting range.

Tarkong said Li's notes were left in plain view for police to find and "the incident seems premeditated."

"The motive is still being investigated and may be related to issues about money and the suspect's emotional frustration," the spokesman said.

Tarkong said Li had over 750 rounds of ammunition, including .223 caliber, .410 shotgun rounds, and .22 magnum ammunition in the van.

Officers found Li lying on the edge of a cliff line several yards south of the Toyota Previa van that he used. He was armed with a .223 rifle caliber that he had strapped on his shoulder.

Police recovered three semi-automatic rifles in the van.

Tarkong said further investigation revealed that Li also attempted to destroy his personal identification and documents by setting it on fire on the passenger seat of the van.

Police found the van parked by the cliff line of Banzai Cliff. The van was tinted and there was smoke coming from inside.

Tarkong said the van is registered to the previous owner of the shooting range who passed away about a year ago.

The late businessman Rene Asucenas used to own the shooting range.

Tarkong said police have made every attempt to notify the suspect's next of kin in the past 48 hours.

Case agent, Detective Peter Aldan, has contacted the Chinese Consulate in Los Angeles and requested for their assistance in locating Li's next of kin.

Li shot dead four persons, including two children, and injured another child at the Kannat Tabla Shooting Range. He proceeded on a van to the Last Command Post in Marpi where he opened fire at a group of Korean tourists, injuring seven people. He went to Banzai Cliff where he killed himself with a gunshot to the head.

"The case is still under investigation. Sgt. Sylvan Rangamar, the officer in charge of CID, said that he and his staff are working closely with other law enforcement agencies to include CNMI Immigration, the CNMI Department of Labor, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms on this case," Tarkong added.

Tarkong said the 4-year-old girl who survived in the Kannat Tabla shooting is now awake and talking.

The girl was transferred to the pediatrician ward at the Commonwealth Health Center yesterday afternoon. She had a gunshot to the left chest.

The 39-year-old Korean man, who was among the seven victims in the Last Command Post shooting, was transported by a "Care Jet" to Korea Saturday at 7pm. He suffered a gunshot wound to the back which shattered his spine. He is listed in critical condition.

DPS commissioner Santiago F. Tudela extended his condolences to the victims and families.

"Our prayers are with you all," Tudela said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said the community owes its thanks to the emergency personnel, health care workers, and other officials and citizens who responded so quickly in the face of danger to treat the injured and to protect the children and people on the island.

"Today our hearts are heavy as we pray for those killed or injured in the terrible shootings on the island of Saipan," Sablan said in a statement.

For those left behind, he said, now the process of recovery begins.

"The security we take for granted in our island homes has been broken by this senseless act of violence. But it is my hope that the strength of our extended family structure and our bonds as a community will see us through," Sablan said.

BIRTHDAY

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monwealth Health Center's intensive care unit yesterday at about 3:30pm.

Dolores' mother, Kollin Deleon Guerrero, 26, was at her bedside at CHC along with relatives and friends when *Saipan Tribune* visited the family yesterday afternoon.

Dolores' father, Enrique Naputi, 26, and her sister, 1-year-old Korina, were killed.

Enrique Naputi's nephew, Richard Borja in his 20s, also died along with Deleon Guerrero's 5-year-old godson, Vince Larry Rosario II.

After the Kannat Tabla shooting, the gunman, Zhong Ren Li, a Chinese national, proceeded to the Last Command Post in Marpi where he opened fire with a rifle at a group of Korean tourists, leaving seven injured. He went to Banzai Cliff where he fatally shot himself.

Deleon Guerrero, jobless, is five months pregnant with their first baby boy. Naputi was an armored truck driver of G4S Security Services CNMI Inc.

Deleon Guerrero said when the shooting happened she was out of their house to buy food.

Deleon Guerrero said she learned about the incident when she arrived at their house. She started to cry during the interview and stopped discussing the scene upon her arrival.

The shooting range is located next to the Naputi couple's house.

Deleon Guerrero said her husband and their two daughters, along with Borja and Rosario, were shot in their house's garage.

She said when she left their house, her husband and Borja were cleaning the house and preparing for the birthday party.

Deleon Guerrero said the children were playing outside the house.

Deleon Guerrero said she knows the gunman as the caretaker of the shooting range. She refused to further discuss details about the killer.

"I don't know how to explain my feelings. It's very hard losing a partner, a daughter, and people close to me. And I am pregnant. Half of my family are not here," said Deleon Guerrero as she shed more tears.

ELECTION

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with Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider of the Republican Party.

They wrapped up their campaigns on Saturday and Sunday with rallies and house-to-house visits on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Whoever wins in today's gubernatorial runoff election will serve for five years instead of the current four-year term to comply with one of the four initiatives ratified during the Nov. 7 general elections.

Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 requires the holding of regular general elections only in even-numbered years. Thus, instead of holding the next general elections in 2013, the CNMI will vote for the next governor in 2014, giving one extra year for today's winning candidate.

Fitial and Hofschneider have been urging the 16,108 registered voters, including 2,000 absentee voters, to take part in the runoff election to make sure that the next governor and lieutenant governor are elected by a majority of the votes cast.

A runoff election will be held because no candidate received at least 50 percent plus one of the 13,784 votes cast in the four-way gubernatorial race on Nov. 7.

Hofschneider got 4,900 votes, while Fitial got 4,892 votes.

In the 2005 election, Fitial beat Hofschneider by 99 votes. The incumbent governor at that time, former Gov. Juan N. Babauta, finished third in the four-way race.

Hofschneider's eight-vote lead over Fitial on Nov. 7 marked the closest gubernatorial race in CNMI history.

The two other former gubernatorial candidates and their running mates were independents—businessman Juan "Pan" T. Guerrero with House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho, and former senator Ramon "Kumoi" S. Deleon Guerrero and his running mate Dr. David Borja.

Days after the results of the general elections on Nov. 7 came out, Guerrero said he would not be endorsing any gubernatorial candidate, but his running mate, Camacho, along with members of the committee to elect them, endorsed Fitial.

Deleon Guerrero endorsed Hofschneider, but Borja endorsed Fitial.

In their campaigns, Fitial and Hofschneider have been asking voters to make the "right" choice.

Fitial is running with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, while Hofschneider's running mate is House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios.

Polling places

The Commonwealth Election Commission identified 13 polling places: 11 on Saipan, one on Tinian, and one on Rota.

On Saipan, the polling places are: Precinct 1-A, San Antonio Elementary School, 1-B San Vicente Elementary School, and 1-C Koblerville Elementary School; Precinct 2-Saipan Northern Islands Municipal Council Building in Chalan Kanoa (adjacent to the U.S. Post Office); and Precinct 3-A, Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, 3-B Garapan Elementary School (Northern Entrance-MIHA housing side).

The other polling stations are 4-A Tanapag Youth Center (Adjacent to Tanapag Elementary School), 4-B GTC Elementary School (San Roque), 4-C Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building, Capitol Hill, and 4-D Northern Islands.

The Precinct 5 polling station is at Kagman Community Center.

The polling station for Precinct 6 is Tinian Elementary School, while Precinct 7 is at the Northern Marianas College Rota campus.

Proven leadership versus change

The Fitial-Inos campaign centers on "proven leadership and proven experience," while the Hofschneider-Palacios team advocates for "change in leadership."

Palacios, in an interview on Saturday right after the inaugural session of the 12th Youth Congress, said the CNMI cannot afford to maintain the system under the current Fitial administration in the next five years.

"Heinz and I have campaigned for 10 months. We have seen some of the most painful experiences that people have gone through. We believe that some of these things could have and should have been avoided. We know that the fate of the Commonwealth's future always rests on its people. We ask them to support some of the most simple, basic changes that Heinz and I are pursuing. There is hope," Palacios said.

Palacios and Hofschneider visited Rota and Tinian during the weekend to ramp up support from these two islands.

"We as a community need to seek our conscience, seek our hearts. Heinz and I commit ourselves to get this commonwealth out of the malaise that we have seen for the past four years," he added.

He also asked people to stand up once again, and let their voices be heard.

"Let me ask people to take the time to vote. It's the first time ever we have a runoff election for the gubernatorial seat so I encourage them to participate in the new process. It may at first be cumbersome because they've just come from Nov. 7 elections but the process is not over. The process calls for a clear mandate for the top government seat," he said.

Palacios said he will be voting in the afternoon at the Garapan Elementary School polling station 3B, and so is Hofschneider.

Hofschneider, in an interview on Thursday, encouraged voters to "make a difference not only in their own lives but also in the lives of others who may have been forgotten or have suffered silently in the last four years. We cannot afford to have the same system of running things in the next four or five years."

Inos, in an interview during Saturday's final Covenant Party rally at the Garapan Fishing Base, said today's runoff election "is about moving forward with all the things that we need to get done to give our people relief from many of the sacrifices that they are having as a result of the continued decline in economic activity."

"We believe that if we don't get back into office, those plans would probably just be shoved aside and obviously the opposition has its own ideas and so forth. We have concrete plans, not just ideas, and we just need to move forward," he said.

Inos estimates the crowd at 3,000 during the Covenant Party rally.

Fitial, in a separate interview, said the "right choice" is the Fitial-Inos team "because we need continuity of leadership."

"For stability, we need continuity. They say change. Change for what? You wanted to change the recovery efforts that we have been making? I don't think that's the right thing to do. Let's just continue to do what is right," he said.

He added that the support given by the supporters of the independent gubernatorial candidates will help them win today's election.

Fitial and Inos reiterated that their prayers go out to the families and victims of Friday's shootings in Kannat Tabla and Marpi.

"It's an isolated incident. It's not as if it happens every day. We're very disheartened that such thing has happened. Our prayers and condolences go out to the families of the victims. I hope they will recover from their grief. And I hope that such incident will not occur again," the governor said.

Poll 'unnecessary' for gubernatorial runoff

In related news, Marianas Consulting announced on Friday that no additional polling was conducted in the CNMI leading up to today's historic gubernatorial runoff election.

"The company made this decision in light of the CNMI Governor's Office and the Covenant Party's heightened and unparalleled energies expended the day before the November 7th general election," said Marianas Consulting in a statement.

On Nov. 5, Marianas Consulting principal consultant Jay Solly issued the results of its phone survey showing Hofschneider leading Fitial.

The following day, Bridge Capital LLC terminated the employment of Solly's partner, Lily Nguyen, for allowing company telephone to be used in an unauthorized political activity.

Bridge Capital said the termination had nothing to do with the results of the poll but all because of unauthorized use of company resources for a political activity.

Solly alleged that the Covenant Party and the Governor's Office made undue influence on Bridge Capital to get Nguyen fired from her employment, an allegation described as "insulting" and untrue by the party and the administration.

Marianas Consulting on Friday said the Governor's Office openly engaged in eyebrow-raising back-and-forth with a private company and the account of events and depth of involvement leave more questions to be asked than were answered.

"On a personal note, my family and I are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community.We love Saipan and the kindness and giving hearts exhibited. We look forward to staying and will continue working for the community. It is likely that there would have been no effort to silence, discredit, or intimidate if the numbers were in Covenant's favor," Solly added.

SSHS names five outstanding employees

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
From left, Saipan Southern High School administrator of the year Craig Garrison, teacher aide of the year Alphonso Yangirelit, support staff of the year Joaquin Kiyoshi, counselor of the year Darrah Tagabuel, and teacher of the year William DeWitt.

Saipan Southern High School named five individuals as outstanding employees of the year and said they will vie for the overall titles in celebration of Public School System Education Day this week.

The home of the Manta Rays recognized William DeWitt, Joaquin Kiyoshi, Alphonso Yangirelit, Darrah Benavente-Tagabuel, and Craig Garrison as this year's educational awardees. They were selected by their colleagues for their accomplishments and qualifications that contributed to the progress and success of the school and the students.

SSHS teacher of the year Dewitt has been serving the school since it opened in 2002.

It marks the second time that DeWitt was voted the school's TOY.

His colleagues said that DeWitt stands tall and proud of his students' accomplishment in his band class and has brought numerous recognitions to SSHS such as back-to-back overall "Best Band" award at the Tumon Bay Festival in Guam early this year.

He is also instrumental in his students getting selected to play at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics and his band recently was invited to compete at the 2010 New York City Music Festival at Carnegie Hall. DeWitt is not only active in school activities but also in community events such as the Pacific Winds Band.

Kiyoshi, meanwhile, was chosen as the school's support staff of the year awardee for his active involvement and performance in the JROTC program. The retired U.S. Army officer is seriously interested in making sure that his students understand the core values of the military and to better themselves for the future.

Kiyoshi has served almost 20 years in the educational system.

SSHS teacher aide of the year Yangirelit, meanwhile, has been with SSHS for two years but has been in the CNMI Public School System for 20 years.

He has accomplished many great things for the special education department and is very patient with special needs students and enjoys what he does.

SSHS also named Benavente-Tagabuel as its counselor of the year. She has been the school counselor since the school opened. Her colleagues described her as very active in the counseling scene and is always ready and eager to help students with their academic and/or personal concerns.

Meantime, administrator of the year Garrison is the school's principal. Garrison is a man with many abilities and is dubbed as the school's a jack of all trades.

He has worked hard to make SSHS a renowned fine arts and technology school in the Pacific. One of his recent accomplishments is the grant award to make SSHS the Green Energy School of the Pacific. Garrison has been described not only as a leader but more so a doer.

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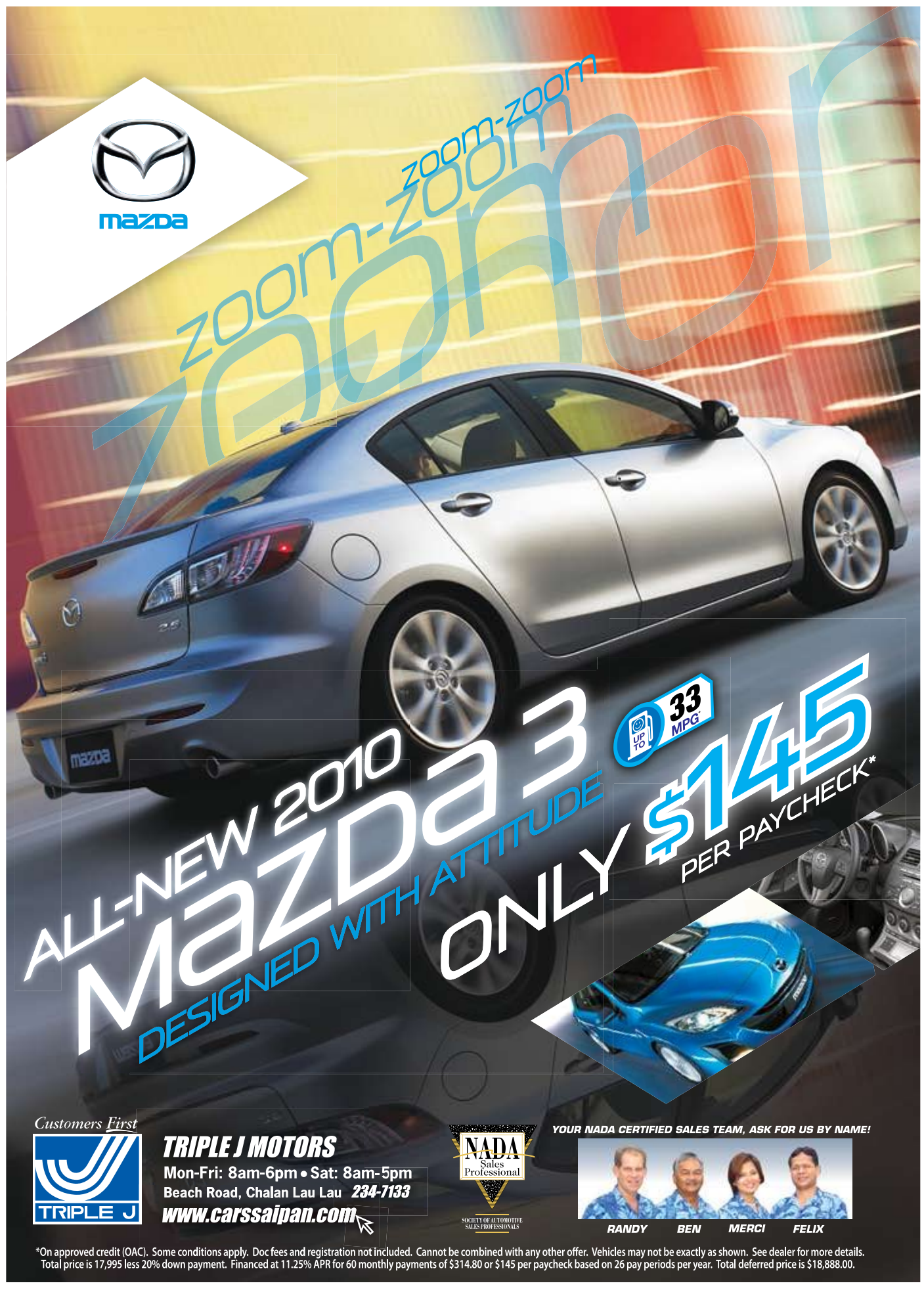
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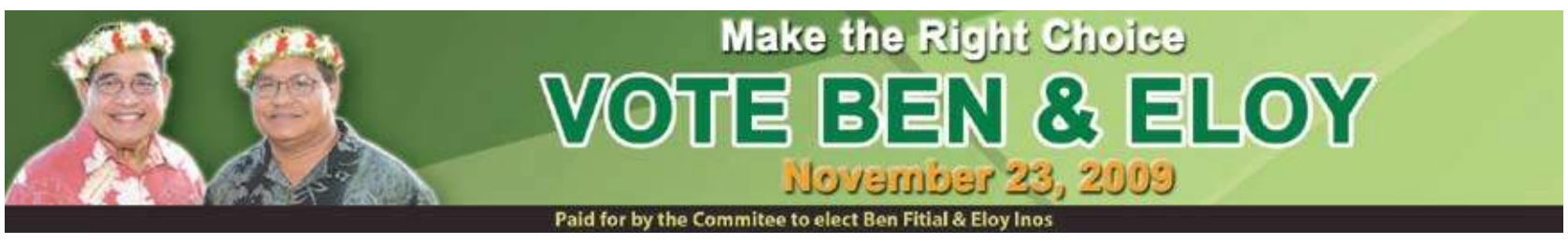

Police sergeant arrested for alleged beating girlfriend

Police arrested a police sergeant for allegedly beating up his girlfriend at a night club in western Garapan early Friday morning.

Sgt. Joseph Agulto, a shift supervisor at the Department of Public Safety's patrol section, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong told *Saipan Tribune* that they received a call about a beating incident at USSP Club in Garapan Friday at 1:30pm.

Tarkong said initial information revealed that Agulto beat up his girlfriend by punching her.

Police officers responded and placed the police sergeant under arrest.

Tarkong was supposed to release on Friday more details about the incident, but he was busy that day because of the shooting rampage that left five people dead and eight others injured.

Agulto is the second police officer arrested in a five-day period last week.

Last Monday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Detective Christopher Leon Guerrero after the FBI uncovered an alleged extortion racket perpetrated by Leon Guerrero who demanded and received money from unlicensed Chinese taxi drivers. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Tropical depression threatens Saipan

A tropical disturbance near Chuuk formed into a tropical depression yesterday. The National Weather Service in Guam said tropical depression 26W has winds between 20mph and 30mph and is moving Northwest at 3 mph.

A statement from the agency said it is expected to pass toward the Marianas in the following days.

Watches or warnings may be issued by the National Weather Service as early as Monday, the special weather statement said. The storm is most likely to pass Saipan on Nov. 26.

Related to the weather disturbance, the CNMI Emergency Management Office has issued a small craft advisory for the islands.

This means that that seas 10 feet or greater and sustained winds of 22 knots or higher are expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is thus strongly advising the general public, especially inexperienced mariners, particularly those operating smaller vessels to avoid navigating in these conditions. If sailing is necessary exercise cautions, especially when entering or leaving harbors and inlets, EMO advised to always wear floatation gear. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Tribune columnist loses two laptops

One of *Saipan Tribune*'s regular OpEd contributors went home early Saturday morning to a room he thought was securely double-bolted but turned out to be easily accessed through a bathroom window.

A burglar came into Jaime Vergara's hotel room in Oleai behind San Jose Catholic Parish Church and swiftly scooped two Apple Mac notebook computers sitting on his dresser.

"I finished a Saturday OpEd piece before my afternoon deadline," Vergara said. "And joined friends in San Antonio for a Friday night out. I returned Saturday morning, and I was not alarmed when I opened my door since the dead bolt was locked."

Vergara

Immediately noticing the missing laptops from the dresser, and an Internet connector lying on the floor, Vergara realized his room had been burglarized. It turned out an intruder came through the bathroom window.

The victim called 911 and showed responding Police Officer John Cabrera telltale marks of someone spilling the soil from the planters outside his bathroom window and soil smears on the bathroom floor.

"In his haste," Vergara said, "the thief dropped the USB Alltel Internet Connector that I left still connected to the computer, though the burglar did have time to unplug and take the power adapter."

Vergara occupies the front room of the hotel's right wing, generally rented out for short term occupants. He had resided in the room since early October but had to vacate the room when the roof got battered by the recent typhoon and sprung a leak. He returned Friday morning after finding out that the hotel management had repaired the leak and was renting it out again.

The room has both a door knob and a dead bolt lock so anyone without a key could not come into or get out of the room.

"Because of the dead bolt, the thief did not have time to go through other valuables, but for a writer to be without a laptop is like a king's strip joint dancer to lose her 5-inch stiletto," Vergara joked.

"The joke is on me," the writer deadpanned. "Not too long ago, I commented after Harry Blalock wrote about his car being burglarized, on how we remain an island of thieves. Someone agreed and gave me a dramatic demonstration." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 23, 1999

CDA to handle SBDC

Beginning January 2000, the Commonwealth Development Authority will be handling the program, according to Jack Peters, director of the Guam-based PISBDC. CDA Board Chair John S. Tenorio welcomed the news, as he noted that the transfer of SBDC ensures that the Northern Marianas will continue to receive federal funding for the program. Mr. Peters said his office will only work with an organization that will ensure sound fiscal and contractual management while at the same time maintain high quality of service to the people.

Continental denies side-stepping NMI in promotions

Dissatisfied with the response from Continental Airlines over the exclusion of the Northern Marianas in its promotion, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday reacted strongly by asking whether the carrier plans to continue servicing the island. "I want Continental to say...'We don't want to provide service to the CNMI,' [if] that's the way they want it," he told reporters in an interview. But the governor pointed out the CNMI would still want to maintain their partnership with the airline in boosting tourist traffic to the island from key destinations, particularly in Asia where most of its visitors come from.

Nov. 23, 2000

Sparks fly at NMIRF meeting

Tempers run high at the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Board meeting yesterday as Board Chair Vicente C. Camacho lambasted NMIRF Administrator Juan S. Torres for what he called attempts by the latter to control the board. The simmering conflict between Mr. Torres and Mr. Camacho over a number of administrative issues has dragged for several months now, but the board chair blew his top when they were discussing the contract of Bruce Macmillan, the Fund's consultant. NMIRF has hired the services of Mr. Macmillan to make sure that the accounting system of the Fund is in compliance with the Office of the Public Auditor's recommendations.

Legal woes loom over unpaid bills

The legal counsel of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund yesterday warned the Board of Trustees that they may face a wrongful death claims due to the continuous refusal by private health providers to treat patients who are members of the CNMI Group Health Life Insurance Program. NMIRF has appealed to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for assistance in securing some $6 million in funding so that it can retire its debt and set up the GHLI trust fund which will pave the way for the hiring of a review utilization firm. During its monthly meeting, the board was informed that patients were being turned away by the health providers and surgeries are being canceled due to the non-payment of debt by the CNMI health insurance.

Nov. 23, 2001

Visa glitch turns off foreign students

Three foreign students, who recently found out that they possess no student visas to pursue college education in the CNMI, are seeking a tuition refund from the Eucon International College. They claimed that the institution is incapable of providing them the services they need. Ellen Qian, Pecky Feng and Cindy Ye, college sophomores from Shanghai, have already aired their complaints against the EIC to the State Board of Regents and the labor department. BOR members and Labor Secretary Mark Zachares are reportedly scheduled to meet today to discuss the students' immigration status. EIC President Dr. Christian Wei, who declined Wednesday to comment on the students' immigration status, however, belied allegations that his school is academically incompetent to provide training to students.

Expecting moms to get free HIV counselling, screening

All pregnant women who receive prenatal care at the Commonwealth Health Center will now also receive free counseling and screening on the human immonodeficiency virus or HIV, primarily to prevent the prenatal transmission. At the same time, the CHC, as well as other health care providers, can now provide HIV counseling and testing to minors without the minors seeking parental consent.

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Understanding Fort Hood

Law enforcement officials are almost always right to try to shield a criminal investigation from outside interference. Public pretrial statements by witnesses, for example, could be used by others to shape their testimony; evidence could be corrupted if not handled properly. And those directly involved could escape accountability if they are given immunity to testify before Congress.

So it comes as no surprise that the Justice Department and the Defense Department are asking lawmakers on Capitol Hill to back off from holding hearings on the Nov. 5 rampage at Fort Hood that left 13 people dead and 38 wounded. Democratic leaders have by and large agreed, leading some across the aisle to accuse the party of trying to cover up alleged administration mistakes. Connecticut independent Joseph Lieberman, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, on Thursday held the only oversight hearing thus far.

But staying clear of the witnesses and evidence with a direct link to the scene of the crime does not mean legislators must sit idly by until the criminal case is concluded. Congress has an important role to play in understanding why military and civilian bureaucracies failed to detect and deter the danger presented by alleged gunman Maj. Nidal M. Hasan.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced on Thursday the formation of military task forces to examine the Pentagon's procedures for identifying service members who may pose a threat. That seems like a useful step, but it does not eliminate the need for a congressional probe. Unlike the Pentagon, Congress has the authority to call on officials from across the executive branch and demand a broad range of documents. It is better positioned to determine whether failures to share information across agencies and departments led law enforcement, military and intelligence officials to miss or downplay warning signs that Hasan apparently exhibited. A congressional probe would also possess added legitimacy because it would be independent of the executive branch.

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Federalization is here on Nov. 28—now what?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In a few more days the CNMI will enter a new era in its relations with the United States. For some of us it will be a period for resentment at the actions of the United States while for others it will be seen as the beginning of our maturity. As we are fully aware, on Nov. 28, the Department Homeland Security takes over the control of our borders. It will dictate who is allowed into our islands and on what terms.

On that date the U.S. Labor Department will also begin tampering with our labor laws affecting the non-resident workforce. It is this phase that alarms many business people, both local as well as foreign business owners. To date many of the rules and regulations are quite vague. Some of the regulations are difficult to understand why they are being implemented. The reasoning behind them is cloudy. Some of the rules seem to have been dictated without much thought of their effect on the economy. All of this adds to our confusion.

However it is not my intention here to debate or try to explain them. Instead I want to focus on how we can acclimate ourselves to them. I realize that many of us refuse change and thought that the current status quo would continue forever. We fail to accept that we have had several years to prepare ourselves for Nov. 28. And many of us have done nothing except whine and beg for delays.

For example, we knew back in 2000, that the garment industry would be shut down by 2005. Did we or the government do any planning to find a replacement? We were too busy enjoying the prosperity built on sand. Then on 2005, we were shocked to see the garment industry become an industry of the past. It appears we are heading in the same direction. Dec. 31, 2014, seems so far away and so unreal. Our heads are still in the sand.

I have listened to many debates and read many articles about the pros and cons of federalization. But I have yet to hear one debate or read articles on how to adjust to federalization to minimize its perceived negative points. We lament that we will be losing our foreign workers yet we have done little to train the local workforce. We continue to feel that local workers are lazy and not trainable. This kind of closed mentality has to change. There are many good local workers but we refuse to search for them. And when we find them we do little to train them preferring to slander them. I refuse to accept the crude and callous remarks I hear so often hurled at local workers.

Workers are basically the same worldwide. Let me cite from my own business experiences. For over 16 years I owned and operated four businesses in Japan. For most of us, the Japanese worker appears to be a diligent worker. While that is basically true, I also found many of them that worked for me and others in Japan to be lazy and some were even thieves. I don't recall how many I had to fire. But the ones that were faithful and hard working had to be trained before they became outstanding employees.

In 1974, I moved to Hawaii where I owned and operated several businesses such as home improvement, interior design shop, and a scuba diving shop. Over the 10 years of operating the businesses, I hired and fired many American and Hawaiian employees. Again some were good and faithful. But some were not so. In fact some stole material and money from the company. I even sent one to jail for his actions.

As a business owner in Saipan for the last 25 years, I think I have employed over 300 employees in my various companies. Currently I have about 100. During this period the workforce has been mostly composed of nonresident workers with some local. Most of the nonresident workers were and still are hardworking and faithful. But I hate to mention that several of them had to be sent home for incompetence. In fact, some of them stole money and property from the company. When confronted they shot off like a rocket for home thereby escaping jail. And yes, I also have had several local employees who went sour.

In the United States there are many employees who are lazy and steal from their employers constantly. This fact is true anywhere in the world. But what some of us fail to realize is that the non-resident worker here is forced to work. He has come here accepting a salary of over four to five times what he was earning back home. So he understands the economic benefit that was not available at home. He also has commitments. Therefore he will tolerate more abuse than the local employee. But that doesn't make him a better employee. Attitude is what makes a person a good or bad worker.

I recall last year on a trip to Mexico, our guide lamented about Americans having unemployment compensation and food stamps. He sadly related: "Here in Mexico we have none of those benefits. If one doesn't work, he doesn't eat." In many countries the philosophy is "no work, no eat." But we in the CNMI have not had that experience because of the many benefits received from the United States. Also the strong family ties allow a young person to live off the generosity of the parents while not having to seek employment. But all that is about to change on Nov. 28.

I feel that we have an almost unlimited local potential labor force. No one has ever done a survey to show how many people are unemployed including the members of the 7,000 households on welfare. We also have an advantage of hiring other Micronesians from neighboring islands. We also have an inflated workforce in the government that could easily work in the private sector. But we employers have to change our attitudes toward them.

The average worker in the United States changes his job about eight times in his work career. He can resign whenever he wants and freely seek another job. The employer can easily fire an employee and hire another one quickly. But every time a new employee is hired he is given a grace period to learn the new job. Of course, the time allotted is dependent on the skills he brings. But the employer is more tolerant and patient. Thus if we employers adjust our thinking to that system, local workers will work efficiently. Of course, there will always be the weak links. So fire them and get new local employees. I do.

Repeatedly I mention that we must become the workers in our country. Unless we do, we will never prosper. Let me ask you: Who built our houses, who ran the businesses, who planted the fields, who did all the construction and maintenance work, who were the cooks and waiters in the restaurants, who worked in the hotels, and who did all the various occupations prior to the influx of non-resident workers? We did!

Accept what is about to happen but also question it. I am not suggesting that we accept all that is hurled at us without adequate discussion and satisfactory answers. We must work hand in hand with the U.S. government. Discussion is more fruitful than confrontation.

Federalization is raising us to a new level of relationship with the U.S. They are telling us we must begin to take control of our destiny more and to work our economy ourselves. It will take a lot of adjustment but in the end we will be better off. Stop the reactive knee jerking we do every time a problem arises. Let's begin having proactive discussions.

We have a full five years (2014) to build and adjust. Let's do it! Federalization may just be the solution to many of our ills. It is inevitable. It may not be as bad as it appears at first. Let's prepare for it.

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And the winner is

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We called the election a selection process when we went to the polls early part of this month. The level of civility, compared to previous rehearsals of the same communal ritual in past years, was encouragingly high. The previous genteel ambience a few weeks back turned to a slugfest this time around in the days before today's runoff, and though this does not have the markings of a Pacquiao bout, the pugilist canvass did witness a few well aimed right and left hooks, and not a few below the belt punches.

A selection reveals the selected; a bout and a slugfest require a winner. Going into the ring, the odd in the street tracks was that Green was ahead by a head. Not having a reliable social weather predictor that broadcasts randomly sampled statistical profiles, we count with our noses. Ben and Eloy are ahead in my score card going into the ring (for the rednecks), or into the tracks (for the bluenoses).

But while the noisy B-52 Stratofortresses carried a mean load, the stealth B-2 bombers could be just as equally devastating, if not more so. Ben and Eloy's followers have been powerfully boisterous and visibly present. Heinz and those of the ocean blue have been flying low under the radar. Evidently under spent in the signage department, and barely keeping up blow-by-blow in the newspaper ads sections, HA/hp, nevertheless, got some unexpected mileage from the diatribe that was printed against our competition for allegedly being biased vs. B&E in their election coverage. So, who then is the winner?

For our last S/HK/NT dollar, peso, renminbi, won, yen, and yuan, the local population has to be this year's winner. First, there is the indigenous population whose majority, by most accounts, swayed with the B&E inland winds and tumbled with the Chamolinian nearshore baby waves. Though attendance at the rally by the fisherman's wharf did not feel like it delivered a knockout punch, the discourse on "sovereignty" brought about by the exchanges between evangelist par excellence John Del

Rosario and Tinian's Dr. Thomas Arkle helped define the issue. Beyond the toxic verbiage, we can agree that "sovereignty" has a specific political meaning, and the CNMI as a political unit recognizes the final sovereign power of the United States government.

Ignoring the same Marpi trash, we can discern JDR's genuine insistence on local "autonomy," and we are clear that the dynamic is never ever bestowed; it is always claimed by its proponents and exercised out of the power of their own engines. This is what happens to states and local communities who take exception to the perceived intrusion of the feds as shown in some states refusing the stimulus package proffered by Washington, D.C. to states.

The stance of showing that the CNMI has a mind of its own vis-à-vis dominant Uncle Sam is what I assume our eminent Counsels from Georgetown are trying to effect. Meanwhile, we note the spirited lamentation of James Rayphand of NMPASI over the lost distinction between legitimate social net that broadens distributive justice, and the practice of entitlement that fosters dependence. We will not dispute D.C.'s habit of throwing money at a problem (a habit we trust Kilili will avoid like the plague) and just let it be forsaking the underlying contradiction inherent in a situation. We must equally recognize our local propensity to perpetuate the dole out mentality, weakening the vitality of our island spirits of the tenacity of the taotao tano, or the venturesomeness of the taotao tasi; we dare not turn ourselves into perpetually on a stretched-out hands mode, not just to government departments but to the charity of the churches, enlightened private businesses and concerns, and non-government service organizations and agencies.

That we need to be proud to be indigenous is a sine qua non of awakened citizenry. But which virtues and values need to be lifted up? If self-reliance continues to be defined as simply going against someone or something that we think is putting us down more than asserting what it is that we wake up for in the morning, then we remain captive to our bruised egos and dysfunctional personalities.

The local population consisting of "ex-pats" (mainland American citizen folks who moved here, gringos, or other colorations) who emerged this past election attempting to conduct civil conversations among themselves on political issues and personalities, have discovered a simple statistical gem of a data: it only takes a few votes to elect a candidate over another, and it is possible to strategically position a few covenanted votes in support of a particular cause and person to make a difference!

The process of accountability, which has emerged as a communal consensus with the passage of the OGA as applicable to the Legislature, must now translate not only in the transparency of government conduct, but also to reveal procedural intentionality and response-ability in the planning process. It is not enough to ask how the momentary largesse about to spill over from the Pacific military budget would impact the immediate economy and influence the long-term direction of regional self-sufficiency, political maturity and cultural diversity. It also needs to raise the issue of sustainability that honors the integrity of the biophysical nature of the local resources, and insure that mining and other exploitative activities do not violate our sense of human interdependence with ecological processes.

We might even learn to understand that protecting the rights of an owl in the Cascades was not a people vs. animals issue but a profoundly spiritual struggle into what it means to bring about Thomas Berry's Ecozoic age. Whoever delivers the last slug, or get their nose first to the tape, or click Mario to the final level of the game, gets to occupy an office up Capital Hill for the next five years. Whoopee! Meanwhile, come Tuesday, common and ordinary Mr./Ms. local person roll up sleeves once more and get back to continue inventing our humanity in the here and now.

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Tutuhon Haanen Gupot

Gi mamamaila na Huebes (Thanksgiving Day) tutuhon i haanen gupot siha. Espesiat este na haane para todu familia guine. Este na haane `nai tananae` mit grasias i Saina pot todus i bendisionta siha maseha makat i kinalamten pot bahu kondision tiempu. Tat nasion ti mamadedesi ginen i mafanana`an "global recession". Kumeke ileghu, makat pinadesin todu nasion deste America, Japon, yan otru nasion siha ni hagas fitme pisun ekonomian niha.

Mafatto chatsaga siha na sentimientu giya guahu ginen i pinadesen todu nasion gi bandan ekonomia. Gi todu karera ya mafondu i botin hagas fitme na sasyan modun linala` (ekonomia), i man-namase finenina man-inaminasa mas didog na chinatsaga. Ni fanliheñg, neñkanu, hanum yan magagu ti maresisibe diariamiente. Konsidera para un` famokat mit miyas gi haane para un` fan aligau pas yan disiente na linala`. Makat este gi maseha haye na familia ya masusesede este piot guihe siha na tanu `nai guaha siha gera.

Mit grasias para i tautauta sa` pas i tanota siha. Un` mitgrasias yan bendision para i sendaluta ni sumakrifiifisia siha pagu pot para ta gosa libre na linala gi halum sisteman demokrasia. Ti deskribiyun na sakrifsiu ginen siha ya ta diseseha satton na Happy Thanksgiving Day para kada unu. Bien felis lokue para todus ayu i man-gaige gi chagu pagu gi haanen gupot siha.

`An matto pueñgen Noche Buena, sessu ta kanta un` sunidu ni ha sasañgan: Jesus Yuus mame, gi nuebu na sakan, gai asi` nu hame, apatta i dañu, nae` nu i deskansu i man-gaige `sta gi naftan, yan ayu seha kasu matai na sakan". Na piniti na patte gi este na kanta sa` todu man-mesgu matan niha mientras makakanta este na sunidu gi pueñgen Noche Buena `sino Misan Gayu. Lau mauleg na ginagau gi Saina. Sen mas, un` magof yan felis na Thanksgiving Day para hamyu yan i familian miyu.

Letter to the Editor

Killing spree or act of terrorism?

On Nov. 20, 2009, Friday, at approximately 11am on a balmy day in paradise—wasn't. A bloodbath ensued. An Asian man slaughtered four innocent people and wounded eight more, several still in critical condition at the Commonwealth Hospital, before turning the gun on himself. I, like most others who call Saipan home, was stunned. Saipan? After being a resident for almost 30 years, I who counseled others desiring to "get off this rock because t here is nothing to do..." that Saipan was the safest place under the American flag and that "on the mainland" burglars bust through doors, muggers assault anybody on the streets and shootings are so commonplace it's buried on page six if at all. And now this. You might call it a killing spree. But more chilling is the thought: was this instead—a terrorist attack? An attack perpetuated by a Muslim fanatic based in Red China or an agent from North Korea testing the resolve of the U.S. and new president Obama?

In previous letters to the editor I extrapolated several reasons for the U.S. Department of Defense's fear of a terrorist attack in the Mariana Islands because of the ongoing $16-billion military build-up and the Department of Homeland Security's reluctance to allow tourists from communist Russia and Red China to visit the islands. In a followup LTE I mentioned that there are more Musilms in China—called Uyghurs in west China and the Hui Chinese who are indistinguishable in appearance from Han Chinese—than the hotbed of Jihadists in the Middle East country of Syria. The question before our island community then is could this particular gunman of Asian descent, be one of them? Or by way of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist band in the Philippines?

In my novel, "Jihad! Holy War In Paradise," I chronicle the incessant rise of Islamic fanatics sworn to destroy America and the more than 12,000 attacks uncovered or already carried out on American soil since the 9/11 Twin Towers carnage. In the novel I also paint a picture of a secret Islamic terrorist cell on Saipan led by taxi drivers and local converts who test versions of chemical bombs to launch Jihad against us and Guam before being stopped by citizens and federal agencies. In the prologue I state we "have been warned." Now this shooting.

More numbing and what all red-blooded Americans should defend against is the "political correctness" of liberal/far left wing factions in government of not placing blame or falsely accusing the Muslim faith of attacks even though it appears to be so. A glaring example is that of sworn "soldier of Islam" Major Hasan and his killings of a handful of soldiers and wounding of dozens more in Ft. Hood, Texas. Preliminary investigation discovered that he attended the same mosque in Virginia as did several plotters in the September 11attack, from his salary of $90,000 annually sent one-third of that to front Islam charities, and in the last year alone had innumerable email correspondence with a radical Imam who encouraged him to Jihad against the U.S. And it was just brought to my attention this morning by email from a concerned friend that the reason President Obama stated "let's not rush to conclusions..." in an investigation of Hasan is the fact that the same Hasan was an advisor to Obama's Homeland Security team. And we should wonder: of Obama's many czars he has appointed to a dozen government posts, czars that have been subsequently ousted because of their criminal past or left-leaning practices—are we Americans really safe?

Will this type of random killing now become continuing front-page fodder for us here in the islands? Let's hope and pray not.

Lee Andersen
Via e-mail

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲85° ▼77°	▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼77°

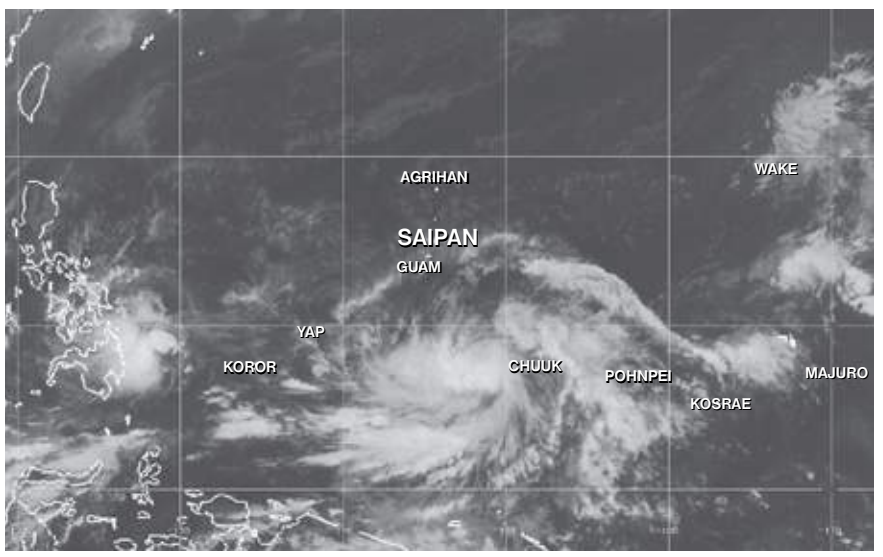
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲83	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunder Storms	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼78
Majuro	Sunny	▲87	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲76	▼66
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲46	▼28
Hong Kong	Cloudy	▲73	▼68
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼71
London	Showers	▲54	▼45
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72	▼52
Manila	Cloudy	▲85	▼71
Melbourne	Partly Sunny	▲69	▼52
Miami	Cloudy	▲85	▼71
New York	Rain	▲51	▼48
Osaka	Sunny	▲59	▼41
Paris	Rain	▲50	▼49
Pusan	Sunny	▲60	▼39
Rome	Sunny	▲65	▼46
Salem	Cloudy	▲48	▼37
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼47
Seoul	Sunny	▲55	▼36
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲60	▼45
Washington, DC	Rain	▲51	▼47

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The monsoon trough extends eastward from Mindanao through a circulation, the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert, centered near Chuuk at 6N149E, then through two weaker circulations centered west of Kwajalein at 8N166E and northeast of Majuro at 8N176E to beyond the dateline at 7N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are found near Koror and Yap between the equator and 10N between 130E to 140E. Cloudiness, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the circulation near Chuuk are present over Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within an area bounded by a line from 10N140E to EQ140E to 2N150E to 5N165E to 12N155E to 12N150E back to 10N140E. Trade-wind convergence coupled with favorable upper-level dynamics associated with an upper-level trough extending southwestward from 25N180 through an upper-level low centered at 20N170E to end at 12N160E is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 5N and 12N from 165E to 170E and east of a line from 17N175E to 5N175E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
5:39 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
1:12 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:04 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
10:46 PM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:18 AM	11:05 PM
Tuesday	11:55 AM	11:52 PM
Wednesday	12:30 PM	
Thursday	1:05 AM	12:39 PM
Friday	1:41 AM	1:26 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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We have dedicated most of our adult lives to public service. As legislators, we are doers, who are not afraid to tackle head on the hard issues facing the Commonwealth. We appreciate the thousands of our constituents who believe in us because of our leadership. We mean what we say and our actions prove it.

Our legislative record demonstrates our strong commitment to building our infrastructure, business development through tax incentives, protection of our precious marine resources, fiscal discipline and accountability, and sound land management practices.

As legislators, we also understand the importance of an open door policy to our constituents and everyone in the CNMI who has visited our offices and our homes.

We have listened to and acted on your concerns, your frustrations, and your cry for help. It is the conversations with you in the last four years that have greatly influenced our decision to run for governor and lieutenant governor.

It should be clear to everyone that this Administration has lost its way in leading our people. Too many promises have remained unfulfilled. The federal government is poised to take over immigration later this week. CUC is under the watchful eye of US EPA. Many of our own citizens have left our shores because uncertain times have forced them to earn their living elsewhere. Those of us who remain have endured untold hardships as our economy continues to shrink and our government has no viable plan to deal with the challenges facing us.

As Governor and Lieutenant Governor, We will bring the same collaborative spirit that has marked our legislative service. We are committed to charting a new course for a Commonwealth founded on the simple virtues of hard work, sacrifice, and patience.

Our efforts will emphasize the principle that our hardworking citizens earning an honest day's pay should be rewarded with an accountable and transparent government – a government that spends your taxes wisely and enforces the law fairly and in an even-handed manner.

As elected leaders, we expect to be judged by the highest standards. We hold sacred our responsibility to support and defend all of the laws of the Commonwealth. We hold firmly onto the belief that as holders of the public trust, each elected official should and must serve all of the people in the Northern Marianas.

In this historic first run-off election today, November 23, 2009, We humbly ask all of you to vote wisely, responsibly, and respectfully.

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From the Desk of Governor Benigno Repeki Fitial

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CNMI FROM GOVERNOR FITIAL

November 20th, 2009

Hafa Adai yanTirowami

Four years ago, you the voters bestowed on me the greatest honor possible by electing me as your Governor and I want to personally thank each and every one of you.

As Governor there are days when every decision you make affects the lives of the people of the Commonwealth. I have taken this responsibility seriously and I want you to know that I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that the quality of life for all of the citizens of the Commonwealth improves day after day.

I am proud of the accomplishments that my administration has delivered for the NMI over the last few years and I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the next term to continue to deliver Results.

It is easy for people to talk about what they will do but it is much harder to actually deliver – my experience serving the People of the NMI stretches over 30 years both in the Private Sector and Public Sector and I have Proven that with Hard Work and a deep understanding of the issues, results and accomplishments will follow.

I also want to thank you for allowing me to sit in your homes and become part of your families. I am deeply humbled by the hospitality and friendship that you have shown me. We have laughed together, cried together, and most importantly worked together towards making the NMI a better place to live, grow, and prosper.

With the Runoff election coming on Monday, I urge all of you to please Make the "Right" Choice and vote Ben and Eloy. Our job is not done and with you at my side I know we will continue to make our Commonwealth Stronger and Better!

Thank you Si Yu'us Ma'ase yan Olomwaay

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Business

More Americans expected to travel for Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON (AP)—The number of Americans traveling away from home for Thanksgiving will be up only slightly this year from 2008, according to a report from the AAA auto club.

The group, which surveyed 1,350 households, said there will be about 33.2 million people traveling by car this year—a 2.1 percent increase from last year.

But there will be a 6.7 percent decrease in the number of air travelers, totaling 2.3 million this year, continuing a decade-long decline of Thanksgiving air travel.

In the report released Wednesday, AAA officials said the expected increase reflects improved consumer confidence from a year ago, when Thanksgiving travel dropped 25 percent following the country's housing and economic problems. Americans may feel more financially secure and be more willing to travel, the report says.

"The economy is still very clearly weighing heavily on the minds of Thanksgiving travelers this year, and that's evidenced by the very small increase that we expect to see in total travel," said Geoff Sundstrom, a spokesman for AAA's national office in Heathrow, Fla.

However, the slight increase suggests the economy has slightly stabilized, he said.

Blanca Enriquez, 59, of El Paso, Texas, said she's driving more than 800 miles to South Padre Island with her family for Thanksgiving.

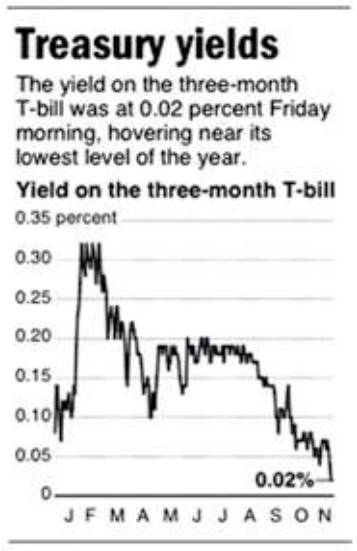
Americans save more but earn less as rates fall

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. is finally becoming a nation of savers. Now if only we could get something for our money.

Interest rates are sinking to near zero for the first time since last year's financial meltdown, dampening spending as Americans earn less on their bank deposits and investment accounts.

It's hardly encouraging news for an economy that sorely needs people to buy things.

Rates are falling near zero this time because of prudence, not panic. Financial firms are polishing up their balance sheets at the end of the year by buying government debt, a much safer investment than most others.



The dive in interest rates comes as Americans sock away more money. Today's personal savings rate of 3 percent is nearly double that of a year ago. Economists say it could rise as high as 8 percent as households try to rebuild savings shredded by the recession.

Yet all that saving isn't exactly paying off. Personal income from interest hit $1.26 trillion in 2007, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis. This year, that number is on track to fall by $40 billion—even though people are saving more.

The bureau says interest income fell 7.4 percent each month for the past three months. It means people who rely on interest from savings, such as money in certificates of deposit, are earning less.

"Savers are getting killed by these low rates," banking analyst Bert Ely said. "They're getting next to nothing."

Retirees, among others, depend on interest income. The more it shrinks, the less they have to go shopping, dine out or take vacations.

That contributes to a sluggish economic recovery. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of the economy.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

More states add jobs, but many for temporary staff

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a sharp improvement, more than half of U.S. states added jobs in October, though economists said many of the gains likely occurred in temporary employment. That's customarily a positive a sign. Employers usually hire temporary workers before they add full-time jobs. But in this case, the temporary hiring may be inflated by the auto sector, which has boosted production to replace depleted inventories. As a result, the increase might not be sustainable. Some of last month's job gains also were in sectors such as education, health care and government, which have fared relatively well during the recession. By contrast, there's little evidence that companies in hard-hit industries are hiring permanent staff.

LyondellBasell gets buyout offer from Reliance

HOUSTON (AP)—LyondellBasell Industries said Saturday Reliance Industries offered to acquire a controlling interest in the beleaguered chemical company, which is under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. LyondellBasell declined to disclose the value of the cash offer. India-based Reliance did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Reliance's offer "represents a potential alternative to the initial plan of reorganization," LyondellBasell said, and it "will continue to work with all parties to design an approach that maximizes value for the company's creditors."

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Nation

Historic health care bill overcomes Senate hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP)—Invoking the memory of Edward M. Kennedy, Democrats united Saturday night to push historic health care legislation past a key Senate hurdle over the opposition of Republicans eager to inflict a punishing defeat on President Barack Obama. There was not a vote to spare.

The 60-39 vote cleared the way for a bruising, full-scale debate beginning after Thanksgiving on the legislation, which is designed to extend coverage to roughly 31 million who lack it, crack down on insurance company practices that deny or dilute benefits and curtail the growth of spending on medical care nationally.

The spectator galleries were full for the unusual Saturday night showdown, and applause broke out briefly when the vote was announced. In a measure of the significance of the moment, senators sat quietly in their seats, standing only when they were called upon to vote.

AP

Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin of Ill., accompanied by, Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., left, and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., speak during a health care reform news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Nov. 20, 2009.

In the final minutes of a daylong session, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accused Republicans of trying to stifle a historic debate the nation needed.

Fort Hood suspect ordered held until court-martial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—The Army psychiatrist charged with killing 13 people at Fort Hood will be confined until his military trial, initially staying in a hospital where he is recovering from gunshot wounds, his attorney said Saturday.

During a hearing at Maj. Nidal Hasan's hospital room in San Antonio on Saturday, a magistrate ruled that there was probable cause that Hasan committed the Nov. 5 shooting spree at Fort Hood, said his civilian attorney, John Galligan. Hasan has been at Brooke Army Medical Center since the shooting, and his attorney said Hasan has been told he has permanent paralysis.

Galligan told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that the judge also ordered Hasan to pretrial confinement, which usually means jail, until his court-martial. The military justice system does not have bail for defendants.

The magistrate ruled that Hasan will initially remain in the hospital, where he is in intensive care, Galligan said.

Saturday's hearing was closed to the media. Officials at Fort Hood, about 150 miles southwest of Fort Worth, declined to comment.

Galligan said Hasan has no feeling from the chest down and has limited movement in his arms.

Baby can wait as expectant dad finishes spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A spacewalking astronaut put aside the impending birth of his daughter and blazed through his first-ever venture outside the International Space Station on Saturday.

Expectant father Randolph Bresnik and Michael Foreman were so far ahead despite their late start and interrupted sleep the night before—false fire and decompression alarms jolted them awake—that their commander handed them extra work.

"Way to kick butt," said commander Charles Hobaugh, a Marine colonel.

The spacewalkers installed new antennas, relocated a monitor for electrical hazards, set up an attachment for a spectrometer due to arrive next year, and hooked up a wireless video system for spacewalkers' helmet cameras. Then they released another payload platform.

Baby Bresnik had yet to make an appearance by the time the six-hour spacewalk ended Saturday afternoon. Bresnik's wife, Rebecca, had been expected to give birth to their second child Friday, back home in Houston. They have a 3-year-old son, adopted from Ukraine.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ex-Air Force nurse acquitted of killing patients

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—A court-martial acquitted a former military nurse of murder Saturday after he was accused of giving lethal doses of painkillers to hasten the deaths of three terminally ill patients at the Air Force's largest hospital. Capt. Michael Fontana, wearing his Air Force uniform, showed no emotion as a military judge cleared him of three counts of murder, then collapsed into the arms of weeping family members inside a Lackland Air Force Base courtroom. Military prosecutors had painted Fontana as a rogue and arrogant nurse who pumped patients full of fentanyl and morphine when they were not "dying quick enough." After the ruling, Fontana said he never second-guessed his treatment or dosages.

Police: Man fatally stabbed over NYC subway seat

NEW YORK (AP)—A subway passenger was stabbed to death in front of horrified riders in a dispute with another man over a seat in the car early Saturday morning in midtown Manhattan, police said. The victim, who has not been identified, was pronounced dead at the Seventh Avenue station at West 53rd Street, where the train stopped after the attack at about 2 a.m. The victim, who was in his mid-30s, was repeatedly stabbed in the neck and face with a knife, police said. He had boarded the train at the Rockefeller Center station, police said.

Asia

Mumbai still vulnerable 1 year after attack

MUMBAI, India (AP)—The walls that the rockets blew out have not been repaired, and the plaster is a dense scattershot of bullet holes. Dozens of holes, blasted by grenades, pockmark the linoleum floors.

One year after the terror attack that left 166 people dead, the Chabad House—a once-popular site with Jewish travelers where six foreigners were killed—remains scarred, still, and quiet.

In part, that silence is a symptom of how much remains unchanged since 10 militants with assault rifles fanned out across Mumbai last Nov. 26, attacking hotels, a train station and other targets, paralyzing India's financial capital and shocking the country.

While Mumbai's large hotels and important business centers have paid richly to improve their own security, many worry that the city as a whole remains vulnerable to another assault from Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Pakistan-based group blamed for the attack, or other assailants. While India is trying the lone surviving gunman, Ajmal Kasab, Lashkar-e-Taiba's leaders remain free in Pakistan.

"Nothing has changed to alter the vulnerabilities of Mumbai," said Ajai Sahni, executive director of the Institute for Conflict Management in New Delhi. "The only institutions that can protect against terrorism are state institutions. They are failing to do so. As a result private institutions are being forced to spend large amounts of money on largely ineffective security."

He blames the failure to beef up national security on weak-willed politicians, some of whom are corrupt and benefit from lax policing. Despite crucial steps the national government has taken to coordinate intelligence gathering, deterrence on the ground has not increased, he said. Since last year's attacks, authorities have neutralized 13 Islamist terror cells in India, right in line with the average since 1998, he said.

China coal mine blast death toll jumps to 87

HEGANG, China (AP)—Rescuers worked in frigid cold to reach 21 miners trapped underground Sunday as the death toll from a huge gas explosion in a northern Chinese mine jumped to 87—the deadliest blast to hit the beleaguered industry in nearly two years.

The pre-dawn blast Saturday at the state-run Xinxing mine in Heilongjiang (pronounced HAY-long-jeeahng) province near the border with Russia was the latest to hit China's mining industry—the world's deadliest. Authorities say safety was improving, but hundreds still die in major accidents each year.

The death toll more than doubled overnight, reported the official Xinhua News Agency. A duty officer at Xinxing's work safety authority and an employee at the company that owns the mine confirmed 87 had died.

Ventilation and power were restored in the mine, said the employee, who refused to give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media. The mine's director, deputy director and chief engineer were fired Saturday, he said.

A total of 528 people were working in the Xinxing (pronounced shin-shing) mine at the time of the 2:30 a.m. explosion Saturday, the State Administration of Work Safety said in a statement. Xinhua reported 420 escaped.

Television footage showed smoke billowing out of the mine after the blast that resulted from a gas build-up. The explosion caused a nearby building to collapse.

State-run CCTV displayed a diagram showing the miners trapped about a third of a mile (half a kilometer) underground. Footage showed one entrance was blocked, and rescuers in orange suits with breathing equipment attempted to enter through another.

US envoy criticizes coverage of Obama China visit

BEIJING (AP)—Washington's ambassador to Beijing hit out Friday at negative U.S. media coverage of President Barack Obama's visit to China, saying it failed to take into account important progress on many issues.

Although producing no breakthroughs on key issues, Obama's first state visit to the Asian giant that ended Wednesday was heralded by both sides as a success.

The trip was the top news story in China, drawing strong interest from the Chinese public who, surveys suggest, are largely positive in their view of the American president.

However, much of the U.S. media coverage was strongly negative, accusing Obama of failing to gain concessions on key issues such as Iran's nuclear program and climate change, as well as being weak on human rights.

Ambassador Jon Huntsman said the reports missed the fact that the visit had yielded important progress on cooperation in areas such as clean energy, military-to-military exchanges and stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

"I attended all those meetings that President Obama had with Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao," Huntsman said, referring to the Chinese president and premier.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Sri Lanka to release 136,000 Tamil war refugees

MANIK FARM, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka will release next month the remaining 136,000 Tamil refugees still in the squalid and overrun government camps where they've been detained since the country's civil war ended six months ago, a top official said Saturday. Some 300,000 war refugees were forced into the camps after fleeing the final months of the government's decades-long war with the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels, which ended in May. The ethnic-minority Tamils are being held against their will. More than half were released in recent months amid pressure from rights groups and foreign governments. Authorities say nearly 136,000 people remain detained in the camps, which are guarded by soldiers and strung with barbed wire.

Rocket hits outside luxury hotel in Afghan capital

KABUL (AP)—A rocket hit outside the luxury Serena Hotel in Afghanistan's capital late Saturday, wounding two people, the Interior Ministry said. The heavily guarded Serena regularly houses visiting diplomats, officials and international workers. It has been the target of attacks before, most recently in late October when a rocket slammed into a courtyard. In Saturday's attack, a rocket hit low on the outside of a compound wall that rings the hotel, just behind a guardhouse, according to an Associated Press reporter who saw the impact spot. Rubble surrounded the area, but there was no large crater.

RP troops kill militant commander

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops killed a senior commander of al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf militants wanted for kidnappings and bombings amid an ongoing offensive, the military said Friday. Abdulla Ajijul was killed Wednesday during a raid on his hide-out in southern Basilan province's Al Barka township, in an area where the militants have evaded U.S.-backed military operations for years, said Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino. Dolorfino described Ajijul as an "urban terrorist leader" behind bomb attacks and ransom kidnappings in southern Zamboanga city. He carried a 3.3 million peso ($70,000) reward on his head, Dolorfino said.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Iran to hold war games to protect nuclear sites

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran will begin large-scale air defense war games Sunday aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from possible attack, a senior military commander said Saturday, reflecting the country's concern that Israel could make good on threats to strike militarily. The drill comes as a top clerical official renewed his threat to target "the heart of Tel Aviv" should Israel attack Iran. The five-day drill will involve Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard and the regular army and will cover 230,000 square miles—or about 600,000 square kilometers—of central, western and southern Iran, said air force Gen. Ahmad Mighani.

Italian police arrest 2 linked to Mumbai attacks

ROME (AP)—Italian police on Saturday arrested a Pakistani father and son who allegedly spent just over $200 to set up a reliable and untraceable phone network that was used by the militants who carried out last year's terror attacks in Mumbai, India. The two were arrested in an early morning raid in Brescia, where they ran a money transfer agency, and it is was not immediately clear if they were aware of the purpose their funds had served, police in the northern Italian city said. The day before the attacks began on Nov. 26 they allegedly used a stolen identity to send money to a U.S. company to pay for Internet phone accounts used by the attackers and their handlers, said Stefano Fonsi, the head of anti-terror police in Brescia.

Hackers leak e-mails, stoke climate debate

LONDON (AP)—Computer hackers have broken into a server at a well-respected climate change research center in Britain and posted hundreds of private e-mails and documents online—stoking debate over whether some scientists have overstated the case for man-made climate change. The University of East Anglia, in eastern England, said in a statement Saturday that the hackers had entered the server and stolen data at its Climatic Research Unit, a leading global research center on climate change. The university said police are investigating the theft of the information, but could not confirm if all the materials posted online are genuine.

Life requested for US suspect in Italy murder case

PERUGIA, Italy (AP)—Prosecutors on Saturday requested life in prison for an American student and her ex-boyfriend accused in the fatal stabbing of her British roommate during a drug-fueled sex game—charges the U.S. woman dismissed as "pure fantasy."

In their closing arguments, the prosecutors said Amanda Knox and Italian Raffaele Sollecito should be convicted on charges of murder and sexual violence for the 2007 slaying of Meredith Kercher.

They deny wrongdoing.

Knox, who is from Seattle, took a deep breath when Prosecutor Giuliano Mignini requested life imprisonment—Italy's stiffest punishment. She then addressed the court, saying that the accusations against her were "pure fantasy."

AP

U.S. murder suspect Amanda Knox reacts prior to the start of a hearing at Perugia's court, Italy, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

"Meredith was my friend, I didn't hate her," she said in Italian, fighting back tears.

The Briton's body, her throat slit, was found in a pool of blood on Nov. 2, 2007, in the apartment she shared with Knox in the central Italian town of Perugia.

Prosecutors argued that Knox resented her British roommate and killed her, together with Sollecito and Rudy Hermann Guede, of Ivory Coast, under "the fumes of drugs and possibly alcohol."

They said Knox hit Kercher's head against a wall, then tried to strangle her, as Sollecito held her and Guede sexually assaulted her.

Guede was sentenced to 30 years in prison last year for the killing after a fast-track trial he had requested. He also denies wrongdoing and is appealing his conviction.

Pope and Anglican leader agree on closer relations

VATICAN CITY (AP)—After offering a home in his church to disaffected Anglicans, Pope Benedict XVI assured the archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday that he is still committed to seeking closer relations between Catholics and Anglicans.

Archbishop Rowan Williams said he came away convinced there was no "dawn raid" on his church by Rome, telling Vatican Radio he wishes "every blessing" for those who want to become Catholics.

Williams and Benedict met privately for 20 minutes in what the Vatican called "cordial discussions," as part of what has clearly been a difficult visit by the Anglican leader.

The Vatican said in a brief statement that the two leaders "turned to the challenges facing all Christian communities" and the need "to promote forms of collaboration and shared witness in facing these challenges."

Referring to the recent overture for traditional Anglicans upset over the ordination of women and gay bishops to become Catholics, the Vatican said the talks reiterated "the shared will to continue and to consolidate the ecumenical relationship between Catholics and Anglicans."

Restored machine to explore mysteries of Big Bang

GENEVA (AP)—Scientists are preparing the world's largest atom smasher to explore the depths of matter after successfully restarting the $10 billion machine following more than a year of repairs.

When the machine is fully operational, its magnets will control the beams of protons and send them in opposite directions through two parallel tubes the size of fire hoses.

In rooms as large as cathedrals 300 feet (100 meters) under the Swiss-French border, the magnets will force them into huge detectors to record the reactions.

One goal is to unravel the mysteries of the Big Bang that many scientists theorize marked the creation of the universe billions of years ago.

The restart of the Large Hadron Collider late Friday was hailed as a significant leap forward in efforts to launch new experiments—probably in January—on the makeup of matter and the universe.

Heinz Hofschneider is a BITTER man!

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BITTER MAN: *Heinz Hofschneider is a BITTER MAN. Heinz* tried and failed to impeach the late *Governor Larry I. Deleon Guerrero,* his own daughter's grandfather, out of personal vindictiveness. *Heinz* conducted a subjective and hostile oversight hearing to remove *Agnes M. McPhetres* from Northern Marianas College (NMC), president and founder of NMC, but the oversight hearing ended without benefit to the College or the Community. *Heinz Hofschneider* did the same to former *CUC Director and Senator Ramon S. Deleon Guerrero.* Heinz conducted a vicious oversight hearing to remove *Kumoi* from CUC. *Heinz* failed again. *Heinz referring to our NMI students as stupid said, "Can't even put a sentence together."* This was his reasoning for voting to take the laptops away from *NMI high school students*. *Heinz* opposed the Senate Majority's bid to secure $4 million for the *Rota airport and Tinian public health expansion*s. Most recently, *Heinz* endorsed his mouthpiece, the defeated independent candidate *Tina Sablan* for Senator, over fellow Republicans *Senator-elect Ralph Torres* and incumbent *Senate President Pete Reyes.* Payday is coming!

Heinz's conduct, behavioral pattern, reflects a very bitter man, a troubled man. You deserved a BETTER MAN FOR GOVERNOR, not a **bitter man.**

Heinz Hofschneider, Victor Hocog and Edward Salas sponsored and signed *The Resident Foreign National Status Act of 2008, House Bill No. 16-86,* introduced by *Tina Sablan, HA's mouthpiece.* The *CNMI Indigenous Group* opposed the House Bill, which led to its defeat. *Who were these sycophants representing? Non-U.S. citizens, Foreigners—taotao hi'yong.* House Bill No. 16-86, was a *"special interest"* bill solely to serve the interests of foreigners to gain permanent residency, circumvent U.S. immigration laws, without offering no appropriate protection or compensating benefits for the U.S. citizens of the Commonwealth. (Comments on Bill, filed, dated April 23, 2008)

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Health & Fitness

Inventing a sport can help push the limits of your body and your creativity

By VICKY HALLETT
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Rich Williamson and his girlfriend were talking about kids. Not necessarily whether they'd have them, but what sport their hypothetical offspring might play. "I don't want my children to play football. It's too violent," the 38-year-old Alexandria, Va., resident decided. Baseball was deemed boring. And as for the world's most popular pastime: "Soccer's lame."

It's not that Williamson has never enjoyed playing those sports, or a slew of others, including lacrosse, basketball and rugby. But none has ever managed to be as awesome as a game he remembers from his elementary school days in Texas. It was like soccer, but you could pick up the ball and throw it. Williamson realized that if he could codify the rules, sprinkle in elements he enjoys from other sports and rustle up folks to play with him, he'd be a big winner.

There'd be the glory of being the founder of a sport, the fitness benefit of running around while punting and heaving and, of course, the gratitude of his descendants.

So he slapped together a Web site for his creation, dirty pool (www.dirtypoolassociation.com), and invited members of Meetup.com to join the movement. Two weeks ago, when D.C. resident Greg Nelson, 32, stepped onto a field in Alexandria for the first game, he was ready to be part of history. "I've played a lot of sports—I think I've played every sport there is—but I've never invented one," he said.

Time to get cracking then, huh? The instinct to make up sports is as old as humanity, and while we usually think only about the ones that get airtime on ESPN or result in Olympic medals, there are countless others. They might not have formal leagues or the fanciest equipment, but many of these sports have players who are just as passionate as any pro.

Just ask Michael Rosen, author of the new book "No Dribbling the Squid: Octopush, Shin Kicking, Elephant Polo and Other Oddball Sports" (Andrews McMeel), which catalogs some of the sports world's more exotic offerings. There's everything from bossaball, a variant of volleyball that encourages the use of feet (and includes trampolines), to chess boxing, which is exactly what it sounds like. "It's the intersection between creativity and competition," Rosen says.

He says the sports he writes about fall into two categories: ones created out of a sense of humor and others that come from people pushing the limits of the human body. "They think, `I can do this on two feet, but can I do it from a canoe or underwater?' " Rosen explains. Whatever the motivation, the ones that stick around satisfy our fundamental urges to hurl, throw and kick. "It's a little more appealing than standing on an elliptical," he adds.

Nelson, along with the other inaugural dirty pool players, isn't so high on gym cardio. "I don't do aimless running," he told me as we walked toward Williamson, who was prepared for the occasion with a sack of size 3 soccer balls (small enough to easily grip in one hand), cones to mark zone lines and a stack of dirty pool cheat sheets with a first draft of the rules.

Once three soccer players looking for a new way to get their kicks joined us, Williamson hashed out the basics: Players can score by standing in the end zone and catching a pass from a team member, or by throwing or kicking the ball through the uprights. Kicking the ball is always okay, but you're also permitted to kick to your hands or a teammate's hands and then carry the ball. You can't, however, use your hands to take the ball outside of a zone—at that point, you need to pass it or drop it. There's no tackling of other players and there's no contact allowed between opposing players not in possession of the ball.

Also, instead of a set time, play ends when the losing team has had 10 possessions. "None of this, `There were three seconds left on the clock' crap," Williamson proudly proclaimed.

At that point I turned to 28-year-old Michael Haidar and asked, "Do you understand what's going on?" "Not at all," he replied, while 42-year-old Mike Wallace and 24-year-old Joanna Kochaniak shook their heads in agreement. But that wasn't going to stop anyone.

"Can we take some air out of the ball?" asked Nelson. "We can do anything we want," Williamson responded.

Then it was time to play. There was a lot of dashing and passing and surprise scoring. A random guy who spotted us decided to cut in. When Kochaniak ended up with two opponents clenched on either side of her for the second time, there was a timeout to figure out possession rules. Somehow, a fumble I made at the end zone convinced everyone that it would be all right to "solo" a touchdown by kicking it to yourself.

Two hours later, the entire "founder's council" was collapsed on the grass, singing the praises of the new diversion. "I'm enjoying it a lot, especially that the rules are flexible," Wallace said, even allowing that it had a leg up on soccer. "Once you get comfortable, there are more options for strategy."

There was just one problem. "I'm not crazy about the name, to be honest," Wallace admitted. "What does it mean, anyway?" wondered Kochaniak. Williamson explained that it's a term for cheating, which makes sense because he thinks of dirty pool as cheating at soccer. The others were not convinced.

So at their next meeting, they plan to launch another new sport. Name suggestions, and more rule ideas, are welcome.

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November 20, 2009

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AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Roll Call
  2. Adoption of Agenda
  3. Adoption of Minutes
    a. September 11, 2009
    b. September 24, 2009
    c. September 26, 2009
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
  1. Financial Report - CDA
  2. Legal Counsel's Report
IV. DIVISIONS/COMMITTEES
  1. Administrative Matters/Personnel & Budget
  2. Development Corporation Division (DCD)
    a. Update on Foreclosed Properties
  3. DBD/Public Finance Committee
  4. QC Program/Economic Development Activities
    a. World Corporation d.b.a. World Resort Saipan
V. OLD BUSINESS
VI. NEW BUSINESS
VII. OTHER MATTERS
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session)

/s/ PEDRO I. ITIBUS
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting proposals for the award of Six (6) Rental Car Concessions at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, three (3) Rental Car Concessions each at the Rota International Airport and Tinian International Airport.

Proposal packages can be obtained beginning November 27, 2009 at the CPA Administration Office, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at a fee of $50.00 per package. The pre-bid conference will be held on **December 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.,** at the CPA Conference Room located on the Second Floor, Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

Proposals for all three (3) airports must be addressed to the Executive Director, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and received by the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) on **December 17, 2009**, by or **before 4:30 p.m.,** in order to be considered for the award. All proposals will be publicly opened on December 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the CPA Conference Room.

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/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Acting Executive Director

Life & Style

Motown caps 50th anniversary with hometown gala

DETROIT (AP)—Black ties and gowns filled a ballroom Saturday in a big-bucks salute to Detroit-style royalty—the King of Motown, the Queen of Soul and the Kid of Rock.

Motown Records founder Berry Gordy, along with Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and Kid Rock came to Motown's original hometown for the Motown 50 Golden Gala. The 50th-anniversary event, which fetched $350 and up for a ticket, was a fundraiser for the Motown Historical Museum. The museum was the original home of Motown Records Corp., which Gordy started with an $800 loan.

The event drew about 750 people and many of the big names and behind-the-scenes people from the label, which moved to Los Angeles in 1972. Detroit's output included scores of hits, including "My Girl" by The Temptations, "The Tears of a Clown" by Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, and "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" by Marvin Gaye.

"The pleasure is mine to be here," Gordy said during a pre-concert reception. "I'm thrilled I got the nurturing and all of the things Detroit had to offer me. Motown could not have made it in any other city."

Gordy was joined on the red carpet earlier in the evening by local and national celebrities and dignitaries, including Otis Williams of the Temptations, which was on the bill; Claudette Robinson of the Miracles; the Rev. Jesse Jackson; comedian Sinbad, the event's host; and Detroit Mayor and former Detroit Pistons all-star Dave Bing.

The musical mingling of classic Motown artists such as Wonder and The Temptations with non-Motown hometown heroes Franklin and Rock reveals the reverence for and relevance of the label.

Kid Rock was scheduled to perform with Wonder on the Motown great's song "Living For The City."

"I'm excited, I'm happy, I'm blessed just to be from here," Kid Rock said as he sauntered in the ballroom before the concert, calling it a career "milestone."

He said his mother, who was out of state, sent him a text message: "Who would have thought when we were partying in our barn, playing all those Motown records when you were a kid that you'd be playing the 50th gala?"

The gala is a regular event for the museum, but it took a higher profile this year to mark the 50th anniversary of the label's founding.

Museum CEO Audley Smith said the facility wants to expand to hold thousands of artifacts and memorabilia that can't be displayed because of space, but he stressed the museum will maintain the integrity of the well-known Hitsville USA house on West Grand Boulevard.

AP

The Temptations' Otis Williams talks with the media during a red carpet reception at Motown's 50th anniversary gala on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009 in Detroit.

The gala also included special tributes to Motown alumni who have died, including Michael Jackson. Gordy, at Jackson's memorial service in July, talked about the 10-year-old prodigy he signed, calling him "the greatest entertainer that ever lived."

Homecomings are rare these days for Gordy, who lives in California, but bonds remain: His sister, Esther Gordy Edwards, founded the museum now overseen by his great-niece, Robin Terry. He's also a premier sponsor of the gala.

President Barack Obama sent well wishes via a videotaped message. He said Gordy's "music made history" and his record company "captured a truly American sound."

Franklin sang a customized birthday ode to Gordy, who turns 80 on Nov. 28.

"Detroit, we've waited long enough—Berry's come home at last," she sang.

Afterward, Franklin called Gordy to the stage, saying "he absolutely revolutionized the music industry, single-handedly."

He was then presented a crystal plaque, a large cake and a mass serenade of "Happy Birthday."

Not to be outdone when it was his time to take the stage, Wonder offered Gordy his take on "Happy Birthday," from his "Hotter than July" album.

"This room tonight is full of love, full of magic. That's what Motown was all about," he said.

Gordy told the crowd he was inspired by his time spent on a Detroit auto factory floor to make a music company that was like "an assembly line" of talent.

"That dream came true."

Jackson moonwalk glove sells for $350K in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—The shimmering, white glove Michael Jackson wore when he premiered his trademark moonwalk dance in 1983 was auctioned off for $350,000—plus tax—on Saturday.

Winning bidder Hoffman Ma of Hong Kong will pay $420,000, including taxes and fees, for the rhinestone-studded, modified golf glove Jackson wore on his left hand for his moonwalk on Motown's 25th anniversary TV special.

The glove was the top item in a collection of Jackson memorabilia on the block at the Hard Rock Cafe in Times Square. Its pre-auction estimate was $40,000 to $60,000.

"It was a fairly good discount," said Ma, a 36-year-old Jackson fan who bought the pop-music treasure on behalf of the Ponte 16 Resort Hotel in Macau.

AP

This undated file photo released by Julien's Auctions shows Michael Jackson's glove from his 1983 performance of Billie Jean at the Motown 25 television special where he performed the Moonwalk for the first time.

As the price of the glove soared, fans roared and squealed—echoing the kind of frenzy that accompanied the late pop star when he toured the world.

"That's what death brings upon celebrity," said Brendan Doyle, a college student munching chicken fingers from a plate in his lap. "Jackson's death was such a tragedy at such a young age that it pushed up prices."

The pop icon, who died June 25 at 50, had given the glove to Walter "Clyde" Orange, of the singing group the Commodores.

A jacket that Jackson wore on his 1989 "Bad" tour fetched $225,000—20 times its low estimate of $8,000.

The sale, held by Los Angeles-based Julien's Auctions, also included a fedora Jackson wore for the moonwalk. It sold for $22,000, against a $2,000 high estimate.

New Yorker Linda Derogene said she was willing to spend up to $5,000 for a material link to the performer she's idolized all her life, but never got a chance to see in concert.

"I can't even tell you what it would mean for me. It would be like a dream come true," she said as she waited to bid on something she could afford.

There was no doubt that Jackson dominated the auction dubbed "Music Icons"—of more than 300 items belonging to stars from Elvis Presley and the Beatles to Mariah Carey. The musicians' clothing and instruments filled the small Rock Cafe stage, with two giant photos of Jackson on either side and a huge picture of his famed glove at the center.

Buyers paid the gavel price, plus a 20 percent auction house premium for items over $50,000, and 25 percent for those costing less.

Losing Winfrey would be big blow for Second City

CHICAGO (AP)—Step outside Oprah Winfrey's Harpo Studios and into the near west side neighborhood that's been home to her television talk show for two decades, and it's easy to get a sense of what she's meant to Chicago.

"I used to live across the street from Harpo and when I moved there it was me and cross-dressing crack addicts and Harpo. And now it's strollers and little white dogs all over," said Paul O'Connor, whose job has been to sell the city to businesses looking to relocate and those wondering why they should stay.

Along with the upscale condominiums and pricey restaurants that replaced the rundown apartments, abandoned warehouses and vacant storefronts, it's a sentiment that helps explain just how nervous people in Chicago are about Winfrey's announcement that next season, the 25th, will be the last for "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"Chicago's going to find out that she's a real engine to hotel rooms, flowers, limo drivers, you name it," said Joel Nickson, who owns Wishbone restaurant just down the street. "Even when she's not doing the show, we see people all the time taking cabs out here, taking pictures in front of the place."

Man's two daughters are more than woman wants to handle

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Charlie" for almost a year. We both have children from previous relationships. He has recently been talking about marriage, but as much as I care for him, I am reluctant.

When my daughter, "Mia," was in kindergarten, she was diagnosed with ADHD. I went through some rough times. It took all I had to raise her and her younger brother. Mia is now 13 and finally starting to overcome her ADHD issues.

The problem is Charlie's daughter (age 8) has ADHD far worse than Mia's was, and his other daughter (age 6) has an eating disorder.

Charlie divorced his wife just before we began dating, and he became a single parent. He has never parented alone. His wife was the primary caregiver to both girls.

Charlie does take the advice I offer and has tried to change his disciplinary habits, but only when I say something. And he doesn't take his younger daughter's disorder seriously.

I would like to stay with him, but—and this is going to sound awful—I don't want to raise his high-maintenance kids. I feel I have served my time as a parent to a child with special needs. Caring for his changes all the rules I have established for my own children. They're beginning to wonder why his daughters are treated more leniently and, "If I had done that, you'd have punished me" is something I hear all the time.

BURNED-OUT MOM IN TEXAS

DEAR BURNED OUT: Your signature says it all. Have you heard the saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"? You and Charlie have a wonderful relationship right now. You can enjoy him and help him out when he needs it, and you're still free to absent yourself when his girls become too much for you.

Marriage is a package deal. If you combine households feeling the way you do, it would be unfair to yourself, to Charlie and all four of the children. I advise against it.

P.S. If you haven't already mentioned to Charlie that both his daughters need to be under a doctor's care, I urge you to do it.

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DEAR ABBY: Our 24-year-old daughter, "Tiffany," still lives at home. When she was out of work for six months, we paid all her bills.

She has become very disrespectful to me and my husband. The atmosphere in our home has become so toxic that we asked her to move out. When we told her, she threatened us by saying if we make her move we'll never see her again.

I am overwhelmed with the feeling that I have done something to make her behave this way, and I can no longer function normally on a daily basis. I'm extremely depressed, and I desperately need advice on how to proceed.

HELPLESS IN MARYLAND

DEAR HELPLESS: Is Tiffany on drugs? Does she have emotional problems that have prompted her personality change? If the answer is yes, she needs professional help and should be allowed to stay only if she agrees to it. If the answer is no, then your "mistake" may have been in being so lenient and generous that your daughter may feel it's her right to stay on her own terms indefinitely.

You are entitled to respect and peace of mind in your own home, so stick to your guns and don't cave in. Tiffany isn't going to disappear from your lives forever. In fact, if her behavior is any indication, I predict she'll be back the minute she needs money, if not before.

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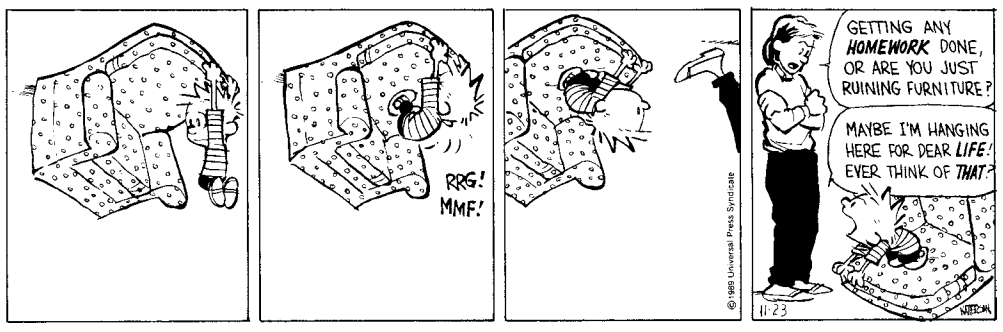
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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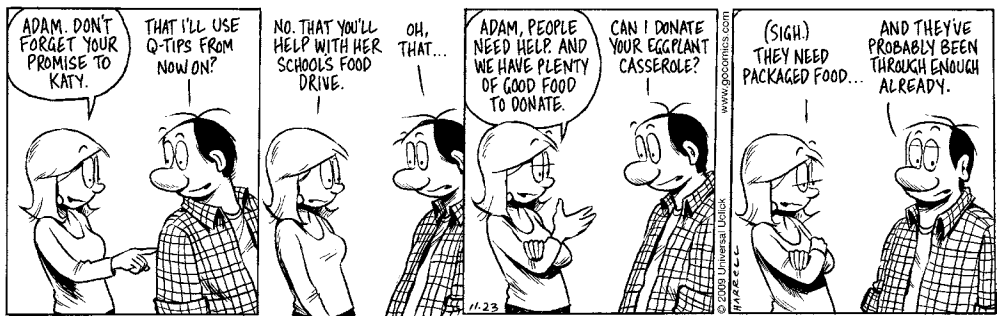
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THAT I'LL USE Q-TIPS FROM NOW ON?
NO. THAT YOU'LL HELP WITH HER SCHOOL'S FOOD DRIVE.
OH, THAT...
ADAM, PEOPLE NEED HELP. AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD TO DONATE.
CAN I DONATE YOUR EGGPLANT CASSEROLE?
(SIGH.) THEY NEED PACKAGED FOOD...
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I'M THINKING ABOUT DEEP-FRYING OUR TURKEY THIS THANKSGIVING.
LET'S MAKE A LIST OF WHAT WE'LL NEED.
WELL, A TURKEY OF COURSE, A DEEP-FRYER, OIL, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, FIRST-AID KIT, GAUZE, STAMPS...
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By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Clerical addr.
8 Major or Minor constellation
12 Products that may be "wrought"
14 Approach
15 Off
16 Part of TLC
17 Anger
18 Venue of perfection
20 Batter's woe
23 Despot
24 Firetruck essential
25 Coagulate
28 Coloration
29 Gold measure
30 Swab the deck
32 Intoxicated
34 Location
35 Panorama
36 Playful water critter
37 Capital of Mozambique
40 Mongrel
41 MPs' target
42 Abandoned
47 California wine valley
48 City in the Bahamas
49 Spud's buds
50 Stitch
51 Unuttered "alas"

DOWN
1 Diamond — Brady
2 Mentalist Geller
3 Two, in Tijuana
4 Not tardy
5 Croupier's tool
6 Before
7 UFO passenger, maybe?
8 Open the champagne
9 Harvest
10 Indian woman's garment
11 Neighborhood
13 Distort
19 Diplomacy
20 "Be quiet!"
21 Stentorian
22 Addict
23 Pitched
25 Spoofs
26 Send forth
27 Memorandum
29 Heal, as a fracture
31 Part of MPH
33 Soft palate extensions
34 Harness parts
36 English river
37 Horse's neck hair
38 Vacationing
39 Benedict XVI, e.g.
40 Captain's squad
43 Raw rock
44 Japanese pond carp
45 Work unit
46 To the — degree

Solution time: 24 mins.

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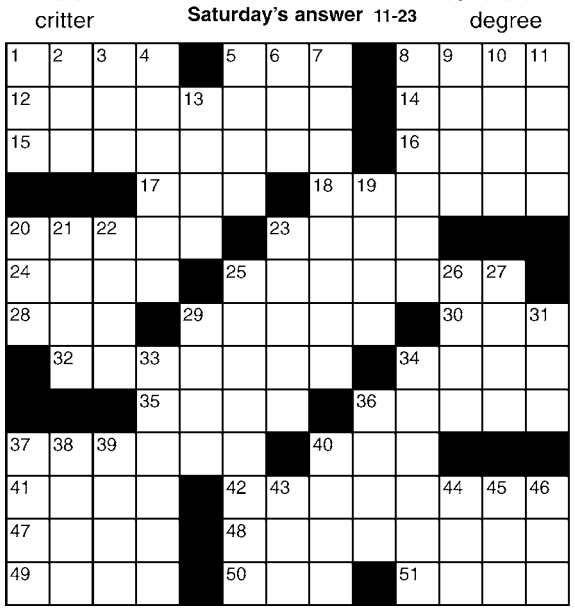
Saturday's answer 11-23



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Happy Birthday: Take every chance you get to experience something new. Change is upon you and your acceptance of what's to come and willingness to go along for the ride will determine your success. An open attitude will spare you negative reactions. Follow through with your promises. Your numbers are 2, 11, 16, 19, 22, 36, 48

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You don't need to depend on others in order to get things done or to get what you want. Getting someone else involved will hold you back. Don't give to an unworthy cause because you are tired of listening to complaints. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let generosity be your downfall. Giving too much will set you back to an uncomfortable financial level. If you are too forgiving or emotionally sensitive, you will be taken for granted. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You can make things happen and get the backing you need if you do your fair share but you'll be disappointed if you expect the work will get done magically. Bend over backwards to accomplish. You will get the returns you want. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You need to relax and learn how to have fun. Giving too much, too fast to a new friend may cost you emotionally and financially. Deception is apparent, so question anyone talking big or promising the impossible. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't assume anything, especially if it has to do with friends, family or money. Obsessing over the little things will cause poor health. Problems with your home or a move can be resolved as long as you are thoughtful of others. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You have to broaden your outlook before judging someone who is confused. Listening to other people's problems will make you see your own troubles in a different light. An opportunity at work may not be all it's being cracked up to be. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You must let others know how you feel. Being open will help you obtain the freedom you require to live life your way. An original plan will allow you to fulfill a dream you've been thinking of for some time. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take one step at a time, especially if you are dealing with someone who is jealous or doesn't want to share you or give you space to do your own thing. Include the people you love and you will avoid problems late in the day. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): This is not the time to take chances. Choose your words wisely and take action defensively. Be complimentary and describe the way you see things unfolding so that everyone is included. Give others leeway to do as they please. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Demands will not get you any closer to what you want, so back off and rethink your strategy. If you don't like the way things are developing, take a pass. Sometimes going it alone is a better alternative. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your confusion will lead you astray. Don't try to fix something without first understanding what's wrong. Emotional matters will affect what you do and say, causing problems with someone you care for. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't try to fool anyone if you don't know what you are doing—someone will point it out fast, making you look bad. No one will conform to what you want unless you are on top of matters. Put everything in order before you let others get involved. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are the life of the party. You will take on anything, anyone, anywhere without hesitation and you will follow your beliefs in all circumstances.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 11/23

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 11/21

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DO CELEBRITIES LIVE IN A FISHBOWL? **Solution: 9 letters**

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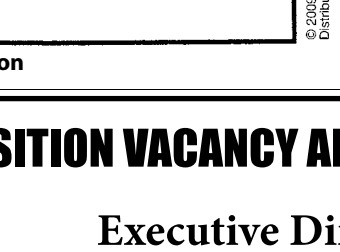

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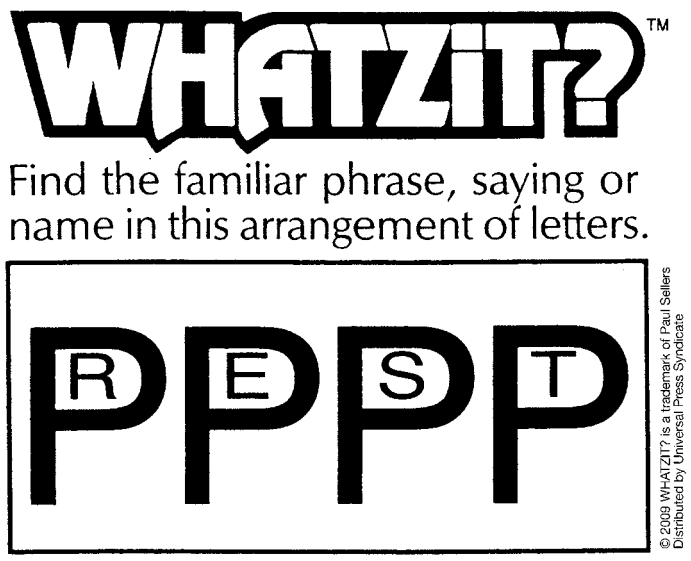
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP Of AND GUARDIAN OF ESTATE FOR REGINA C. BARCINAS An Incompetent, By: ABEL S. BARCINAS, Petitioner.	FCD GU Civil Action No. 09-0645 NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named by Abel S. Barcinas, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Rota, NMI, before the Honorable Perry B. Inos on the 2nd day of December, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

/s/ Bernadita A. Sablan
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: KRECHELLE BRITTANY ACEJO CABRERA, DORALYNN ACEJO CABRERA, and CHRISTAYSHIA ACEJO CABRERA, Minor Child, By: ROMAN T. CABRERA, SR. and ISABEL T. CABRERA, Petitioners.	FCD GU Civil Action No. 09-0506 NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on January 11, 2010 at 1:30p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Govendo.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2009.

/s/ Bernadita Sablan
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

LOURDES KISA TIAN, Petitioner, vs. TIAN, SHAO AN, Respondent.	Civil Action No. 09-0567 ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT TIAN, SHAO AN:

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO APPEAR OR PLEAD by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this ORDER TO APPEAR OR PLEAD and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the Petition by Petitioner Lourdes Kisa Tian, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Petitioner Lourdes Kisa Tian, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya), P.O. box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950;** and in case of failure to do so, a default will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So ORDERED this 3rd day of November, 2009.

/s/ KENNETH L. GOVENDO
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Executive Director

The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director.

The Executive Director will be committed and responsible for leading the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) within the strategic framework set by the NMASA Board of Directors, through the day-to-day management of NMASA, the development and implementation of initiatives in sport, and in identifying and responding to the challenges within the sports sector.

Key responsibilities include:
- Providing leadership in establishing and implementing national sport strategies to improve participation in organized sport, at the community level, by all the people of the Northern Marianas.
- Creating a successful ongoing Corporate Sponsorship, Marketing and Merchandising Program.
- Creating an effective fundraising program to ensure Team Marianas is fully represented at the Micronesian and Pacific (Mini) Games.
- Developing funding and capacity building partnerships for NMASA with international and regional sports agencies.
- Planning and Organizing the Marianas Games for 2010 and 2011, and working with the Marianas Games Council.
- Attracting international events to the Northern Marianas by working with the Marianas Visitors Authority and national sports federations.
- Organizing Team Marianas to achieve excellence in sports performance to its full potential.
- Developing NMASA and Team Marianas brands and managing an effective communications program for NMASA.
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Applicants should have a sound knowledge of Northern Marianas sports, its challenges, and an understanding of its place in Northern Marianas society and culture, knowledge of the NMASA's and Government's objectives for sport and physical activity, and with proven experience in sports and related activities.

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An attractive package commensurate with the seniority of the role will be available to the successful candidate. However, it must be noted that the Executive Director will be directly involved in raising funds that support ongoing employment of the Executive Director.

Resumes with names and contact details of three (3) references, should be sent to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA) no later than November 30th, 2009. Documents will not be returned.

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Rookies lead Hornets past Hawks, 96-88

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Rookie Darren Collison had 22 points and 11 assists for his first double-double, and the New Orleans Hornets won their third straight while snapping the Atlanta Hawks' seven-game winning streak, 96-88 on Saturday night.

Fellow rookie Marcus Thornton scored 21 for the resurgent Hornets, who made 12 of 17 3-point attempts. Peja Stojakovic hit five from long range and finished with 17 points, while David West had 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

Jamal Crawford scored 20 for the Hawks, who became the second straight division leader to lose in New Orleans after Phoenix fell to the Hornets on Thursday night.

Marvin Williams added 17, and Josh Smith had 14 points and 10 rebounds, but Atlanta went 4 of 22 from 3-point range.

New Orleans led throughout the second half, withstanding every Atlanta surge. Collison and Thornton, drafted in the first and second rounds, respectively, showed poise when it mattered, as they have in three straight games.

After Maurice Evans' driving layup as he was fouled pulled Atlanta to 59-56, Collison came back with a 3 and fastbreak dunk. When Crawford's jumper made it 64-60 late in the third quarter, Collison hit his second 3, then West followed with a driving layup off the glass and Thornton a breakaway dunk to make it 71-60 heading into the fourth quarter.

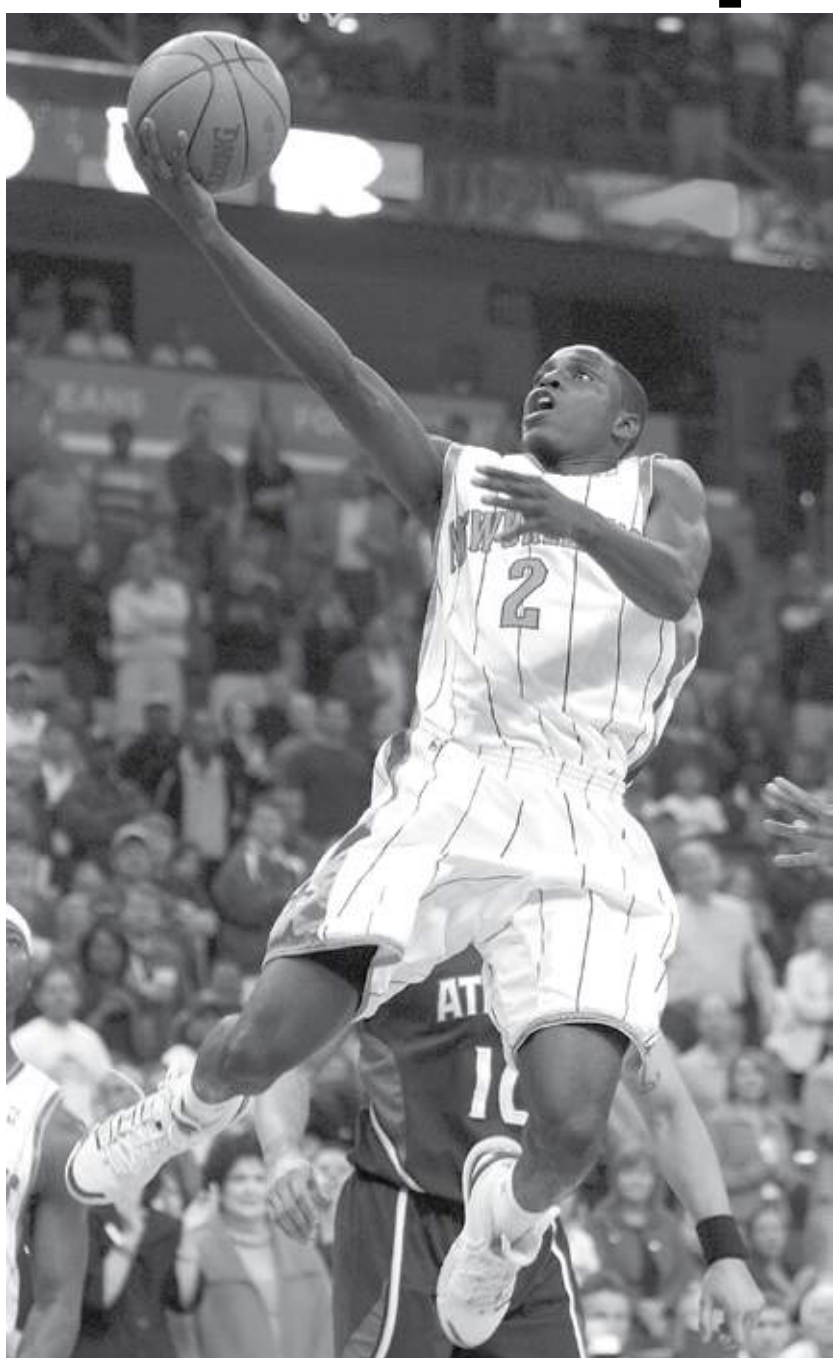
Thornton created shots with slashing moves to the hoop and took open jumpers with confidence and without hesitation. He scored 10 points in the final period, notching one three-point play on a tough driving layup into a crowd and later hitting his second 3-pointer of the game to make it 81-71.

Joe Johnson had 14 points, and Al Horford had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Hornets outshot the Hawks 43.5 percent to 37.2 percent. Emeka Okafor had 10 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Atlanta jumped out to a 10-2 lead largely because of poor early shooting by New Orleans, which started 1 of 11 from the field. Hawks starting guard Mike Bibby left the game during that stretch with a sprained left ankle.

Soon after, Stojakovic got in rhythm from long range, hitting four straight 3-pointers during a 16-3 run that gave New Orleans an 18-13 lead.



AP

New Orleans Hornets guard Darren Collison (2) drives to the basket for two of his 22-points against the Atlanta Hawks in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009.

New Orleans continued to pull away for much of the second quarter, going ahead 45-31 after Okafor's block sent Collison the other way for a fast-break layup.

Atlanta responded with a 9-0 run, highlighted by Williams' 3 and dunk to close the gap. Collison's jumper as the shot clock wound down gave the Hornets a 49-42 lead at halftime.

Cavaliers 97, 76ers 91

In Cleveland, the hosts clamped down defensively in the fourth quarter to hold on against Philadelphia.

LeBron James scored 32 points, adding nine assists and seven rebounds while Mo Williams added 18.

Philadelphia could only manage 10 points over the final 12 minutes. Lou Williams led the 76ers with 22 points.

Nuggets 112, Bulls 93

In Denver, the hosts notched a 15th straight regular-season home victory by cruising past Chicago.

Carmelo Anthony scored 30 points and Chauncey Billups had 21. Anthony, the NBA's leading scorer, reached 30 points for the ninth time in his first 13 games.

Derrick Rose scored 28 points for Chicago.

Rockets 113, Kings 106

In Houston, Luis Scola scored 22 points and grabbed key rebounds in the final minutes as Houston held off Sacramento.

Spencer Hawes led the Kings with 24 points.

Jazz 100, Pistons 97, OT

In Salt Lake City, Carlos Boozer scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half and overtime to lead Utah to its fourth straight victory, edging Detroit.

Andrei Kirilenko sank two free throws with 10 seconds remaining to provide the final margin.

Detroit's Ben Gordon scored 25 points, but missed a potential tying 3-pointer in the final second.

Bucks 103, Grizzlies 98

In Memphis, Tennessee, rookie Brandon Jennings scored 24 of his 26 points in the second half to set up Milwaukee's third straight win, overcoming Memphis.

Charlie Bell added 19 for Milwaukee, 7-1 in its past eight.

Memphis' Ersan Ilyasova finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 106, Timberwolves 78

In Portland, Oregon, Portland handed Minnesota its 12th straight loss.

Martell Webster had 21 points and 13 rebounds and Brandon Roy added 18 points for the Blazers, winners of 11 straight against Minnesota.

Al Jefferson led the Timberwolves with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Minnesota hasn't won since beating winless New Jersey in the season opener.

Spurs 106, Wizards 84

In San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 17 points to help San Antonio win its first game in four, routing Washington.

Parker was in good touch as he struggles with an ongoing ankle injury, while Tim Duncan had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Spurs.

Gilbert Arenas had 18 points for Washington. The Wizards have lost eight of nine.

Knicks 98, Nets 91

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, woeful New York beat winless New Jersey, which fell to 0-13 and inched closer to the NBA record of 17 straight losses to start a season, held by Miami and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Al Harrington and Danilo Gallinari each scored 17 points for the Knicks, while Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 24 points for the Nets.

NBA BRIEFS

T-Mac wants to play right away; Rockets say no

ATLANTA (AP)—Tracy McGrady says he is ready to play. The Houston Rockets say he'll have to wait. The seven-time All-Star had microfracture surgery on his left knee in February, but believes he's good enough to get back on the court. Houston coach Rick Adelman says it's too soon for McGrady to return, admitting there's a difference of opinion. The Rockets played the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night. The next step for McGrady is an MRI on Monday, which should shed more light on when he can play.

Albert denies altercation with rapper 50 Cent

NEW YORK (AP)—Marv Albert said Saturday he was never involved in an altercation with 50 Cent, denying Internet reports of a fight on "Jimmy Kimmel Live." According to the reports, punches were thrown after members of the rapper's entourage didn't recognize Albert, the longtime sports broadcaster who was appearing as a guest on the show on Wednesday night. But Albert told The Associated Press he was not even close to the exchange, which he believed was caused when a member of 50 Cent's party was prevented by show security from using a phone in the room that was supposed to belong to Albert. "I couldn't even tell you what the guy looked like or the security guard looked like," Albert said. Albert said he even read one account that he was punched by 50 Cent, who was the show's musical guest, but insisted they never crossed paths.

Williams' plea deal hearing delayed

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Retired NBA star Jayson Williams will not be in a New Jersey courtroom Friday to enter a plea in the 2002 shooting death of a hired driver. State Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman indefinitely delayed a hearing in Somerville in which Williams was expected to plead guilty. A person with direct knowledge of the situation, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of a gag order imposed by Coleman, told The Associated Press that the delay was partly because of travel problems Williams experienced getting to New Jersey from his home in South Carolina. Another person with knowledge of the case told the AP on Thursday that Williams would plead guilty to aggravated assault. The person wasn't authorized to talk about the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity. A guilty plea to the assault charge would carry a minimum 18-month sentence because a gun was involved.

Clips TV announcers suspended for Haddadi comments

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Clippers longtime play-by-play announcer Ralph Lawler and color analyst Michael Smith were suspended one game by the Fox Sports Prime Ticket cable network for their comments about Memphis center Hamed Haddadi.

Lawler and Smith made their off-the-cuff comments about the Iranian-born center during Wednesday night's telecast from Memphis. The on-air banter offended a viewer who e-mailed Fox to complain.

The duo did not work Friday's night telecast against the Denver Nuggets at Staples Center. Michael Eaves and Don MacLean, who regularly serve as halftime and postgame analysts on the Clippers telecasts, substituted for Lawler and Smith at courtside.

"That's unfortunate. It was pretty strange not seeing them there," Clippers point guard Baron Davis said after the 106-99 victory. "Ralph and Mike are very classy guys, and they didn't do it to hurt anyone.

"A lot of times when you're commenting on games, it's a source of entertainment. And a lot of times, people may take offense. But the viewers need to understand that it's entertainment, and people are entitled to their opinion. I stand by Ralph and Mike because they're great guys and they only want to support and help everybody in the league."

Lawler, 71, is in his 31st season doing Clippers games, and Smith is in his 12th. Lawler has surpassed 2,400 regular season and playoff Clippers broadcasts in his career, according to the team's Web site.

"We regret the remarks made by Clippers announcers Michael Smith and Ralph Lawler during Wednesday's telecast," Fox said in a statement about 2 1/2 hours before the game. "While we believe that Michael and Ralph did not intend their exchange to be offensive, the comments were inappropriate.

"We extend our apologies to Hamed Haddadi of the Memphis Grizzlies and to anyone who was offended. We have addressed the situation with Michael and Ralph and have taken appropriate action."

The Clippers did not comment.

The transcript of the conversation between Lawler and Smith, which occurred late in the game, was printed on the Los Angeles Times' Web site:

Smith: "Look who's in."

Lawler: "Hamed Haddadi. Where's he from?"

Smith: "He's the first Iranian to play in the NBA." (Smith pronounced Iranian as "Eye-ranian," a pronunciation that offended the viewer who complained.)

Lawler: "There aren't any Iranian players in the NBA," repeating Smith's mispronunciation.

Smith: "He's the only one."

Lawler: "He's from Iran?"

Smith: "I guess so."

Lawler: "That Iran?"

Smith: "Yes."

Lawler: "The real Iran?"

Smith: "Yes."

Lawler: "Wow. Haddadi that's H-A-D-D-A-D-I."

Smith: "You're sure it's not Borat's older brother?"

Smith: "If they ever make a movie about Haddadi, I'm going to get Sacha Baron Cohen to play the part."

Lawler: "Here's Haddadi. Nice little back-door pass. I guess those Iranians can pass the ball."

Smith: "Especially the post players.

Lawler: "I don't know about their guards."

Bad time to be playing Patriots

AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) responds to a reporter's question during a media availability in front of his locker at the NFL football team's facility in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday morning, Nov. 18, 2009.

By BARRY WILNER
AP FOOTBALL WRITER

There's never really a good time for the New York Jets to face the Patriots. Since Bill Belichick became New England's coach in 2000, the Jets are 7-13 against their rivals from Foxborough.

Many of the games have been contentious—remember Spygate and the Eric Mangini-Belichick non-handshakes—and Belichick and current Jets coach Rex Ryan aren't exactly buddies. It won't help Bill B's mood, either, that New York won 16-9 in Week 2.

Not that Belichick's dour demeanor has been anything close to cheery since last Sunday's late-game gamble backfired in Indianapolis, and the Patriots fell 35-34 to Peyton Manning and the Colts.

So laying it on the Jets (4-5) even harder than usual might be on the mind of Belichick and the Patriots (6-3), if not to just about salt away the AFC East then to ease the memories from Indy.

"I'm worried about the Jets," Tom Brady said. "I think I'd talked a lot about the Colts game and I think we've all got to move forward and understand that we're playing a great opponent, one that really gave our offense a lot of problems the last time we played them and that has a lot of good players."

The Jets also have problems on both sides of the line. Their running game is strong, but rookie Mark Sanchez is going through the expected struggles of a first-year quarterback. Their aggressive defense was rolled over by Jacksonville for a winning drive last weekend.

And now they have some ticked off Patriots to contend with.

Also Sunday, it's San Diego at Denver, Indianapolis at Baltimore, New Orleans at Tampa Bay, Cincinnati at Oakland, Seattle at Minnesota, Pittsburgh at Kansas City, Washington at Dallas, Arizona at St. Louis, Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia at Chicago, San Francisco at Green Bay, Buffalo at Jacksonville and Cleveland at Detroit.

Tennessee is at Houston on Monday night.

The weekend began with Miami winning 24-17 at Carolina on Thursday night.

San Diego (6-3) at Denver (6-3)

This all seems so familiar.

The Broncos take a big lead in the AFC West, then squander it as the Chargers stop underachieving and begin playing up to their talent level. Then they meet with first place at stake.

It happened that way in 2008, and the Chargers won the finale to steal the division. San Diego has won four in a row, while Denver has dropped three straight heading into a Mile High faceoff.

Denver has scored only 16 points more than it has allowed, while the Chargers have a 35-point edge. The Broncos could be without quarterback Kyle Orton, and backup Chris Simms was very rusty at Washington.

The Chargers got their running game in gear against Philadelphia, and their passing game hasn't missed a beat. Perhaps most significantly, they're making some key plays on defense again.

Indianapolis (9-0) at Baltimore (5-4)

If the Ravens play anything like they did in Cleveland, particularly in the first half, they won't stop the Colts' express. Peyton Manning is one of the few quarterbacks who tends to do well against the Baltimore defense, which will be without key linebacker/DE Terrell Suggs (right knee).

Following that gritty, if somewhat fortuitous, comeback against New England, the Colts should be feeling rather spry. They are 9-0 for the third time in five years, and have a franchise-record 18 consecutive regular-season victories. A win here gives them the second-longest streak behind New England's 21 that included the 16-0 mark in 2007.

"We can't be in any better spot, that's a given," said Jim Caldwell, the most successful rookie coach in the modern era. "But the fact of the matter is there's still a lot of work to be done. If you take a peek in the rearview mirror, there are some teams behind us, but not very far behind us, in our division even."

New Orleans (9-0) at Tampa Bay (1-8)

Suddenly, the "perfect season" talk in Nawlins has quieted down as the Saints have struggled the past month—and not against the toughest opponents. Of course, for these Saints struggling means that they haven't clinched games by the end of the third quarter.

Reggie Bush stayed home to rest a knee injury and won't get to test the Buccaneers' suspect run defense. The Saints have also been vulnerable to the run without defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis (knee), who is missing his fourth straight game. No matter. As long as QB Drew Brees' shoulder is OK the Saints should be fine.

Cincinnati (7-2) at Oakland (2-7)

The old Bungles, uh, Bengals, would be expected to flop here and begin a downward trend back toward oblivion. These most decidedly are not those Bengals, and Cincinnati has a fast track to a division title and perhaps home-field advantage for at least one playoff round.

Cincy needs to keep on task, even if the opponent is Oakland, which has no offense and can't stop the run. If Bengals newcomer Larry Johnson suits up, he could terrorize the team he excelled against while with the Chiefs.

Seattle (3-6) at Minnesota (8-1)

This one could get ugly, considering the problems Seattle has on the offensive line and the way the Vikings get after quarterbacks. Matt Hasselbeck, a disciple of and good friend to Brett Favre, might get very familiar with Jared Allen, Kevin Williams and Ray Edwards.

Minnesota seems to be in high gear offensively every week, with the Favre-Sidney Rice combination reminding folks of Favre-Sharpe and Favre-Driver.

Pittsburgh (6-3) at Kansas City (2-7)

Even though their chances to win the AFC North are wobbly after being swept by Cincinnati, the defending champions remain a logical choice for a playoff berth. But they don't play very well without brilliant safety Troy Polamalu, and he has knee issues again. Plus, their running game regressed last week after looking dynamic behind Rashard Mendenhall.

Kansas City has victories over Washington and Oakland, not exactly opponents in the Steelers' neighborhood. The Chiefs do protect the ball better than Pittsburgh (plus-1 turnover margin to minus 3) and might have found a runner to replace Larry Johnson in Jamaal Charles, whose 44-yard TD rush was the first of his career.

Washington (3-6) at Dallas (6-3)

The renewal of one of the NFL's most intense rivalries, with Washington fresh from its best game of the season and Dallas coming off perhaps its worst.

Washington has a solid defense, but struggles with the ball and might not have RB Clinton Portis (concussion). The Skins beat Denver last week without him, with Ladell Betts rushing for 114 yards and a score.

The Cowboys appeared to have a stranglehold on the NFC East, then stunk out Lambeau Field. Center Andre Gurode faces DT Albert Haynesworth for first time since Haynesworth stomped on his head in 2006 game.

Arizona (6-3) at St. Louis (1-8)

Many, if not most, of the fans in the stands will be there to see Kurt Warner's return to where he guided the Greatest Show on Turf to two NFC crowns and one Super Bowl victory. Warner is doing quite nicely in the desert now, and the Cardinals are 4-0 on the road.

St. Louis is getting better, with a victory and a close loss to the perfect Saints in the last two games. The Rams' best chance is to let Steven Jackson run wild, as he has for much of the year.

Atlanta (5-4) at N.Y. Giants (5-4)

Michael Turner's sprained right ankle could derail Atlanta's playoff chances, although backup Jason Snelling has performed well. If it's windy in the Meadowlands, Matt Ryan might not be able to carry the offense, though the Giants can be vulnerable against tight ends and the Falcons have one of the all-time greats in Tony Gonzalez.

New York's four-game slide came after the level of competition was ratcheted up. The tough schedule continues almost until January, too, so the Giants need to come off their bye inspired and efficient.

Tennessee (3-6) at Houston (5-4), Monday night

For once, the Texans can actually think about a playoff chase. Coming off their bye, it begins this week against the revitalized Titans and Houston product Vince Young, once the pride of Nashville while winning Offensive Rookie of the Year honors - and perhaps headed that way again. Young is 3-0 since replacing Kerry Collins as Tennessee's starting quarterback, mainly because RB Chris Johnson has been unstoppable.

For Houston to be taken seriously, it must win here and not be caught looking to next Sunday's matchup with the division-leading Colts.

Philadelphia (5-4) at Chicago (4-5)

A second straight prime-time game for the Bears, who hardly deserve one after their performance in Candlestick Park. The Eagles are third in the NFL with 15 picks, and Jay Cutler doesn't seem, well, picky about who intercepts him.

Philly fell far behind in San Diego before rallying, still lost, and might be without star RB Brian Westbrook (concussion) for a while. Because neither side can run effectively, watch for Donovan McNabb to put up as many passes at Cutler.

San Francisco (4-5) at Green Bay (5-4)

Both teams reversed fortunes last week, the Packers most impressively by manhandling Dallas. The way the defenses stepped up in Green Bay and San Francisco bodes well.

Now, about those offenses. Somehow, the Packers must protect Aaron Rodgers better - they've allowed 41 sacks—but the Niners don't have an outstanding pass rusher. San Francisco is getting rookie wideout Michael Crabtree into the mix nicely, but quarterback Alex Smith remains unpredictable if not totally unreliable.

Buffalo (3-6) at Jacksonville (5-4)

The coaching change in Buffalo hardly was surprising, although elevating defensive coordinator Perry Fewell might seem strange because the Bills need a hearty boost on offense.

Jacksonville is coming off a last-second win at the Jets that featured Maurice Jones-Drew's kneeldown at the New York 1 to set up the winning field goal. The Jags have won three straight at home.

Cleveland (1-8) at Detroit (1-8)

Aside from fans stuck with tickets to this one, we should feel sorry for Don Criqui and Randy Cross, the CBS announcers assigned to describe the, uh, action.

At least nobody can call this season a low point for the Lions. As for the once-proud Browns: It doesn't get much worse.

Pacquiao's PPV numbers add to megafight momentum

BOXING

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Manny Pacquiao's big win over Miguel Cotto on Saturday was the biggest boxing show of the year, selling 1.25 million pay-per-view buys to best the 1.05 million sold by Floyd Mayweather Jr. for his fight with Juan Manuel Marquez in September.

The television gross was $70 million, meaning both fighters will pocket millions of dollars more than their guaranteed purses.

The strong numbers not only point to a resurgence in interest in boxing in the U.S., but add to the momentum for a possible fight next year between Pacquiao and Mayweather that could be the richest ever in the sport.

"They have to deliver," HBO Sports president Ross Greenburg told The Associated Press. "The American public wants that fight."

Promoters for both fighters have already said they plan to begin negotiations soon for the bout, which would likely take place in early May. Las Vegas casinos have the inside track on landing the megafight, though there has also been talk of holding it at the Dallas Cowboys' new stadium, or even at Yankee Stadium.

One thing is certain: There is too much money at stake for either fighter to not make the fight happen.

"The two best pound-for-pound fighters in the world in the same weight class in the prime of their careers," Greenburg said. "It just doesn't get any better than that."

Promoter Bob Arum agreed.

"The way I look at it now, boxing is really on a roll," Arum said. "We would be idiots now to slow the momentum and the only way we can keep the momentum is to make this fight."

Arum, who represents Pacquiao, is expected to begin talks as early as next week with Richard Schaefer, who heads Golden Boy Promotions and will represent Mayweather in the negotiations. Though each fighter believes he should get a bigger percentage of the purse, the total revenues will be so high that a 50-50 split may not be all that difficult to achieve.

Arum said Pacquiao will end up making some $22 million for his 12th round stoppage of Cotto, while Cotto will end up with around $12 million. That is far higher than either fighter was guaranteed because, as is the case with most big fights, they worked for a percentage of the total sales.

The Pacquiao-Cotto fight also did well at the live box office, with 15,470 tickets sold for a gate of $8.84 million at the MGM Grand hotel.

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Min, Lydia Tan, Lee Eun Kuoung, Rai Raj, Daniel Wollack, Geesyu and Eunsya Hahn on the winning side. Preliminary games were played at the Hyatt Regency Saipan and Pacific Islands Club tennis courts.

Older Geesyu outclassed younger brother Eunsya in the boys' 10-and-under singles finals, 6-3, while Heras took the girls' 10-and-under tiara after downing Anna Calvert in the championship match, 6-1.

The Hahn brothers teamed up in the 10-and-under doubles event and prevailed over Mimi Sakano and Julie Kim, 6-2, to claim the championship trophy.

In the adults singles, Lee Dong Min outlasted Guam's Lai Sam in the finals, 6-2, 6-2, to clinch the men's 40-and-above title.

In the women's 40-and-above, Lydia Tan ruled the round-robin tournament after edging Cleofe Santos in three sets, 6-7, 6-0, 7-5, and winning via walkover against Sally Lee.

The women's 4.0 singles also had a round-robin format with Lee Eun Kyoung beating Theecel Minor, 6-4, 6-4, and Dina Jones, 6-3, 6-2. Jones settled for third after downing Theecel Minor, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3.

Theecel's younger sister, Thea, secured the women's open title after crushing Laila Mailman, 6-2, 6-2.

Another junior player, Lopez, won a championship trophy on Sunday after pulling off a 5-7, 7-6, 6-1 triumph over Lyn Liang in the women's 3.0 singles finals.

Carrie Schuler duplicated her husband's feat when she ruled the women's 2.0 singles, prevailing over Anne Song, 6-4, 6-1, and Maya Lee (walkover) in the round-robin event.

In the men's 4.0 singles finals, Raj needed only two sets to thwart Buddy Garote, 6-2, 6-3.

The second week of the two-weekend Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic will continue this Wednesday with competitions in juniors long course and adult doubles.

Around 40 players from Guam will participate in the second week of the netfest, which is being supported by Gatorade, Quality Distributors, TakeCare, Mobil, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, AON, Shirley's Coffee Shop, IT&E, Continental Airlines, Hertz, Docomo Pacific, First Hawaiian Bank, Deloitte, Miller Lite, Pepsi, and AMS Typhoon Shutters.

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head and body of the Marianas Elite bet. Teregeyo used both his hands to protect his head, but after a couple of minutes, he could no longer take more punishment from Manglona's hands and tapped the canvas at the 2:53 mark of the first round.

Early in the first round, Teregeyo dealt Manglona a low blow, forcing the latter to go to his corner for a five-minute break. Manglona quickly recovered and exchanged jabs and kicks with Teregeyo before catching him at the center of the canvas and eventually winning via tapout.

Manglona rushed to his cornermen Jason Tarkong and Cuki Alvarez and then climbed to one corner of the ring, raising his arms in triumph.

Manglona fought twice that night scoring a TKO win over Danny Fejeran at the 1:48 mark of the first round to set up a title belt match against Teregeyo. Teregeyo was in the first offering of the night and it took him 2:27 in the first round to beat Peter "The Dragon" Deleon Guerrero via arm-bar submission.

The featured fight of the night between Guam's Jon "Super Saiyan" Tuck and the Philippines' Eduard "The Landslide" Folayang ended early with the former scoring an impressive knockout win with only eight seconds gone by in the first round.

When the opening bell sounded, both fighters quickly exchanged punches. With Tuck having a few inches advantage on reach against Folayang, the latter tried to dance away from the Guam fighter. However, Tuck caught Folayang near the left corner of the judges' row and slammed him hard on the canvas. The Filipino fighter had a bad fall and as if that was not enough, Tuck unleashed a couple of punches that later caused a cut to Folayang's lower cheek.

Before Tuck could inflict more damage to Folayang, referee Tony D'Angelo stepped in and stopped the fight. Tuck's cornermen and several supporters celebrated while medics and a ring doctor tried to revive Folayang, who was still down at the canvas and was unconscious for a few minutes. After 10 minutes, Folayang eventually stood up to the relief of the crowd and hugged his tormentor before going back to the dugout to seek further medical attention.

There were eight other fights at the packed Royal Taga Hall of the World Resort Hotel and majority of them ended early.

In the third fight, Tabby" Jay" Muna recorded a rear-naked choke submission win over Marianas Elite's Martin Ayuyu in the 2:39 mark of the first round.

Lionel Borja, also of Marianas Elite bet, was victorious in his fight against Shawn Ogre and at it took only 55 seconds in the first round for the former to nail a rear-naked choke win.

Marianas Elite's Derrick Aughenbaugh had a winning debut in Gorilla after a TKO triumph over Jack Crisostimo. After Aughenbaugh dominated the bout in the first round, Crisostimo sat out to his corner too long and decided he could no longer continue the fight.

Organizers of the weekend event took a break after five fights and when action resumed, Predators' Nate "The Terrible" Flores and Maitai "The Charger" Charley had the crowd up on their feet, as two fighters exchanged solid blows and grappling techniques for three minutes.

Flores got the better end of that exchange, leaving a small cut on the upper right eyebrow of Charley. The two fighters were at it again in the second round before Flores caught Charley in the corner and threw a barrage of punches, ending the match in the 48-second mark of that round via tapout.

In one of the two heavyweight bouts, Charles "The Predator" Aiken recorded a win via referee stoppage in the 2:49 mark in first round against Marianas Elite's Myron "The Natural" San Nicolas.

The other heavyweight match took only 13 seconds to finish when Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial won over Mike "Ogre" Davis via rear-naked choke submission.

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that age group.

In the girls' U14, Hopwood's Chris Obaldo timed in at 16:28 to beat teammates Corina Suda (16:58) and Janet Jones (19:09).

In the boys' U12, the team championship trophy went to Saipan Community School, which entered five runners in that event and had a 1-2 finish in the 1,500-m race. William Fong topped the race with a time of 6:55, while teammate Pedro Tenorio was second at the 7:24 mark. Hopwood's Jared Arriola completed the Top 3 after submitting 8:24.

Hopwood won its third team championship trophy after ruling the girls' U12 division. Hopwood's Jo Ann Reyes was the first finisher of the shorter-course race, timing in at 6:49, followed by teammate Janille Pagsolingan (7:19) and SCS' Lyndin Johnson (7:37).

No school was awarded team trophies in the U10 age group, as none made the requirement of fielding at least five runners.

However, medals were given to individual winners in the boys and girls divisions. Saipan International School's Julia Ishikawa took the gold medal after clocking in at 7:49 and beating silver medalist Moena Takagi (9:21). The boys' U10 gold medal went to SIS' Kentaro Kitagawa (8:12).

Marianas High School successfully defended its title in the boys' U18 division after having two runners finished in the Top 3.

The Dolphins' Michael Mancao (13:22) and Danny Bai (13:31) were runners-up to Saipan Southern High School's James Castro (13:00).

The boys' U18 division drew 14 runners from Hopwood, Southern, MHS, and Kagman High School. Kagman's lone entry to the race, Douglas Dillay, was a step short of a medal after placing only fourth with his time of 13:33.

In the girls' U18, Jeralyn Castillo was ahead of the pack, completing the race in 17:00. Forty-seven seconds later, Southern's Madi Onni crossed the finish line, followed by MHS' Rikka Kaiyo (21:59).

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anchored the team's recovery in the fourth canto.

Iginoef scored DCCA's first six points in the third and added four more, while Van Buren tallied six, including four crucial free throws in the payoff canto. DCCA stole the win after scoring its last nine points from the 15-foot line.

Camacho top-scored for DCCA with 27 points, while Van Buren chipped in 19. Iginoef added 18, while Elias Rangamar contributed 16.

Iguel paced Bank of Guam with 24 points, but was held to only two field goals in the fourth period. He and Jason Taisacan were the two only Bank of Guam players to score more than a field goal in the final canto.

With the last playoff slot at stake, Bank of Guam and DCCA slugged it out in the first period. Camacho nailed 11 points in the opening canto to give DCCA a one-point lead, 21-20.

Bank of Guam and DCCA switched fortunes in the second period behind the hot shooting of Taisacan, who fired two triples and scored 10 markers in that quarter alone to put his team in the lead at halftime, 46-36.

In the third period, DCCA tried to make a headway, but still fell behind by eight, before finally succeeding in stealing the game in the fourth canto.

DCCA 85 – P. Camacho 27, Van Buren 19, Iginoef 18, Rangamar 16, C. Camacho 2.

Bank of Guam 81 – Iguel 24, Taisacan 20, Pelisamen 12, D. Palacios 10, Mendiola 9, G. Palacios 5.

Scoring by quarters: 21-20, 36-46, 58-64, 85-81.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	4	.692	–
Toronto	6	7	.462	3
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4
New York	3	9	.250	5 1/2
New Jersey	0	13	.000	9

Southeast Division

Atlanta	11	3	.786	–
Orlando	10	3	.769	1/2
Miami	7	5	.583	3
Charlotte	3	9	.250	7
Washington	3	9	.250	7

Central Division

Milwaukee	8	3	.727	1/2
Cleveland	10	4	.714	–
Chicago	6	6	.500	3
Indiana	5	5	.500	3
Detroit	5	8	.385	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	10	3	.769	–
Houston	8	6	.571	2 1/2
San Antonio	5	6	.455	4
New Orleans	6	8	.429	4 1/2
Memphis	4	9	.308	6

Northwest Division

Denver	9	4	.692	–
Portland	10	5	.667	–
Oklahoma City	7	6	.538	2
Utah	7	6	.538	2
Minnesota	1	12	.077	8

Pacific Division

Phoenix	10	3	.769	–
L.A. Lakers	9	3	.750	1/2
Sacramento	5	7	.417	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	5	9	.357	5 1/2
Golden State	4	8	.333	5 1/2

Yesterday's Games

New York 98, New Jersey 91
Cleveland 97, Philadelphia 91
Milwaukee 103, Memphis 98
New Orleans 96, Atlanta 88
San Antonio 106, Washington 84
Houston 113, Sacramento 106
Denver 112, Chicago 93
Utah 100, Detroit 97, OT
Portland 106, Minnesota 78

NBA LEADERS

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, DEN	12	122	112	366	30.5
Bryant, LAL	12	135	87	362	30.2
James, CLE	13	125	109	380	29.2
Wade, MIA	12	107	107	334	27.8
Durant, OKC	13	121	107	360	27.7
Bosh, TOR	13	114	117	351	27.0
Nowitzki, DAL	13	119	100	350	26.9
Jennings, MIL	10	95	35	252	25.2
Granger, IND	10	81	55	248	24.8
Paul, NOR	10	85	49	238	23.8
Johnson, ATL	13	114	54	302	23.2
Arenas, WAS	11	83	64	252	22.9
Gay, MEM	12	100	50	259	21.6
Gordon, DET	12	85	62	253	21.1
Kaman, LAC	14	119	54	292	20.9
Ellis, GOL	12	102	38	249	20.8
Roy, POR	14	93	77	281	20.1
Stoudemire, PHX	13	91	75	257	19.8
Harrington, NYK	11	76	51	215	19.5
Iguodala, PHL	12	85	40	224	18.7

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Howard, ORL	76	115	.661
Oden, POR	59	97	.608
Speights, PHL	52	86	.605
Hilario, DEN	65	108	.602
Gasol, MEM	63	105	.600
Paul, NOR	85	143	.594
Horford, ATL	75	130	.577
Bynum, LAL	80	139	.576
Perkins, BOS	52	91	.571
Bogut, MIL	65	115	.565

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Noah, CHI	11	51	88	139	12.6
Bosh, TOR	13	55	104	159	12.2
Wallace, CHA	12	28	109	137	11.4
Boozer, UTA	12	28	108	136	11.3
Haywood, WAS	11	51	73	124	11.3
Howard, ORL	13	45	98	143	11.0
Gasol, MEM	12	37	93	130	10.8
Randolph, MEM	12	56	67	123	10.3
Okafor, NOR	13	44	86	130	10.0
Horford, ATL	13	35	95	130	10.0

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	13	153	11.8
Williams, UTA	10	98	9.8
Paul, NOR	10	92	9.2
Kidd, DAL	13	118	9.1
Rondo, BOS	13	114	8.8
James, CLE	13	104	8.0
B. Davis, LAC	14	103	7.4
Westbrook, OKC	13	93	7.2
Arenas, WAS	11	73	6.6
Calderon, TOR	13	86	6.6

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The Week in Sports

Crazy week for sports

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To say that last week was a busy one for the sports community is an understatement.

Besides the regular events on weekdays, such as the Rotary caging, government/business basketball league, and four-person beach volleyball, sports aficionados had an action-filled weekend with the staging of football, cross-country, softball, bowling, dodgeball, and mixed martial arts tournaments.

The Rotary caging continued with its regular season with the G-Stars keeping their unbeaten record after eight games and the Celtics also extending their winning run to three.

In the government/business caging, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs survived the wild-card phase of the playoffs to join seven other teams to the next round.

Four teams advanced to the playoffs of the boys' U13 division of the 2009 NMIFA Youth Football Fall League and one was left standing—Paire Football Club—and crowned champion of the season.

Paire defeated Tan Holdings FC-1 in the finals. MP United prevailed over Matansa in the battle for third place.

In the girls' U13 division, Matansa Football Club bested two other teams, MP United and Paire, in the round-robin playoffs, to notch back-to-back titles.

Playoff games in the U13 division were played in the afternoon, as the morning session of the youth football festival was devoted to simultaneous matches in the co-ed U6, U8, and U10 age groups. Overall, the weekend festivities drew around 400 youth players from five football clubs on Saipan.

Over at the CPA Airport Field, Hopwood Junior High School runners won three of the seven divisions in the third and final installment of the Northern Marianas Athletics' All School Cross Country series.

Joan Reyes of Hopwood topped the girls' 12-and-under 2,500-meter race timing in at 7:21. Reyes' teammates, Maryann Waing and Braylon Floresca, won the boys and girls races with times of 24:55 and 15:04.02, respectively.

Still at the southern side of the island, Pacific Islands Club hosted its second dodgeball fundraising tournament, attracting 17 teams.

The host's very own, PIC-Finance, ruled the tournament that aimed to raise funds for the Marianas March Against Cancer after beating Just The Tip in the finals.

Going north at the Capital Bowling Center in Garapan, Raphael Zapanta's hopes for a sweep in the 2009 season of the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes Tournament ended when he missed the November roll-off.

Zapanta was sick and could not make it to the weekend event, leaving only six youth keglers battling for the monthly title. Manuel Joseph Aldan then bested five foes to claim the Prince of the Lanes monthly plum. Aldan had a four-game total of 629 pinfalls to down Marion McKenzie, (616 pinfalls) and Leeanne Yarobwemal (612).

In the adults roll-offs, Simon Manacop took the Budweiser King of the Lanes crown, while Emi Williams clinched the Queen of the Lanes tiara.

Also reigning in their sport were mixed martial arts fighters Jeff Cloud and Jess "Pumpy" Manglona, who won two weight classes in the Art of War 4 All Island Grappling/Submissions Challenge 2009 held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Cloud dethroned Art of War 3 heavyweight champion Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial when the Trench Tech fighter won on points in their gold-medal bout in the 201lbs-and -above duel. Cloud's second gold medal came in the middleweight class when he prevailed via tapout against Tinian's Keli Manglona.

Manglona took gold medals in the bantamweight and featherweight divisions after winning over Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez and Chris "No Luv" Laayug.

In softball, Team SaiPal brought the championship back to Saipan when it beat Pohnpei, 3-2, in the final of the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Raymark Castro, seen here losing the ball on his way to the basket during one of the regular season game in the Rotary caging, plays for the unbeaten G-Stars.

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A member of Team Kadu Ku Kadu Ka prepares to throw the ball during their game against PIC Housekeeping in the 2009 PIC Fall Dodgeball Tournament on the PIC tennis court.

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Members of SaiPal pose for a group photo before their playoff game against Guam in the finale of the 2009 Budweiser King and Queen of the Diamonds Softball Tournament at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Paire's Hunter Jewell, second right, gestures to Won Jun Kim, right, after the latter scored the winning goal in their title game against Tan Holdings FC-1 in the U13 division of the NMIFA youth league.

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November Prince of the Lanes winner Manuel Joseph Aldan is flanked by runner-up Marion McKenzie, right, and Leanne Yarobwemal.

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DCCA's Romeo Iginoef, pulls up for a shot against Bank of Saipan's Pete Iguel, left, and Dexter Mendiola, partly hidden, during their game in the government/business caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Jeff Cloud, right, and Keli Manglona wait for each other's move during their gold medal duel in the middleweight class of the Art of War 4 All Island Grappling/Submissions Challenge 2009 held at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Rookies lead Hornets past Hawks, 96-88

Rookie Darren Collison had 22 points and 11 assists for his first double-double, and the New Orleans Hornets won their third straight while snapping the Atlanta Hawks' seven-game winning streak, 96-88 on Saturday night.

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13 crowned champs in Tan Holdings Classic

Geesyu Hahn, who teamed up with brother Eunsya, goes for a forehand return during their U10 mixed doubles match against Mimi Sakano and Julie Kim in the Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic yesterday at the AMP tennis courts.

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The Inaugural Tan Holdings Tennis Classic capped its first weekend of competition on Sunday, crowning 13 champions in the singles and doubles events.

Leading the champions' list is tournament director Kirk Schuler, who needed an extra point in the second set to slip past CNMI coach Jeff Race in the men's open singles finals, 6-1, 7-5, yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. Peter Loyola survived junior player Benjie Decena in three sets, 7-6 (6-3), 6-2, 6-1, to save third place.

Other championship matches played at either AMP or Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts had Mikayla Lopez, Thea Minor, Carrie Schuler, Isabel Heras, Lee Dong

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DCCA takes last playoff berth

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Department of Community and Cultural Affairs marched to the next round of the IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League after eking out an 85-81 win over Bank of Guam in their do-or-die game on Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

DCCA took the last ticket to the eight-team playoffs and will face pennant champion Hyatt Regency Saipan in the first round.

It was a come-from-behind win for DCCA, which was down by 10 at halftime, 36-46, and still behind in the third period. Taj Van Buren, Romeo Iginoef, and Peter Camacho

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DCCA's Peter Camacho, center, fumbles as he is defended by Bank of Guam's Pete Iguel, right, and Dexter Mendiola during their do-or-die game in the government/business caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Manglona clinches historic middleweight belt

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Tinian's Keli Manglona now owns a page in the history books of CNMI mixed martial arts.

Manglona of Trench Tech became the winner of the first title belt bout in the Commonwealth when he stopped Marianas Elite's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo in their middleweight duel in Gorilla Warfare MMA's "Confrontation" on Saturday.

The Tinian fighter caught Teregeyo at the center of the ring, sat on him and released a flurry of punches to the

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Tinian's Keli Manglona, center, joins cornermen Jason Tarkong, left, and Cuki Alvarez in celebrating his title belt win in the middleweight division against Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo during Saturday's Gorilla MMA "Confrontation" at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.

Hopwoop rules cross country championship

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Hopwood Junior High School's active participation in the series of cross country races earned the team the boys and girls U14 titles, while Saipan Community School and Marianas High School also ruled their respective age group during Saturday's 2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship at the CPA Airport Field.

Hopwood had a 1-2-3 finish in the boys' and girls' U14 races, which had a 3,000-meter distance. Felix Palacios crossed the finish line first with a time of 14 minutes and 17 seconds, followed by Braylan Floresca (14:18), and Charles Ingram (14:41). Hopwood had 10 other runners in the boys' U14 race and organizers needed only the time of the first five finishers from the same school to determine the team winner in

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Participants in the U12 race of the 2009 All Schools Cross Country Championship sprint from the starting line at the CPA Airport Field on Saturday.